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MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON A HOLIDAY.



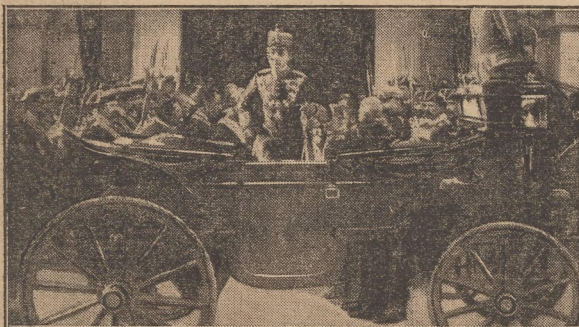
Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who is taking a brief holiday at Folkestone, gave the *Daily Mirror* photographer permission to take this snapshot of himself, with his daughter and Mrs. Chamberlain. It is noticeable that, despite the cares of the fiscal campaign, the statesman still retains his youthful appearance.

MARQUIS OF ANGLESEY'S FUNERAL.



Carrying the coffin containing the remains of the late Marquis of Anglesey into Llanedwen Church, near Anglesey Castle. The chief mourner present, the dead Marquis's cousin, who succeeds to the title, is indicated in the photograph by a cross. The smaller photograph is the dead man's favourite portrait, and bears his signature.

KING OF SPAIN ENTERTAINS DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.



King Alfonso, the youthful ruler of Spain, who is entertaining the Duke of Connaught in Madrid. His Majesty has by his profuse hospitality shown his keen desire to cultivate friendly relations with the English royal house.



Beneath the shadow of this church at Llanedwen the remains of the late Marquis of Anglesey were laid to rest with a studied simplicity and absence of ceremony at strange variance to the magnificence of his fitful life of pleasure.

PERSONAL.
A. C. - Chancy not in wine means all clear.
GREEN CARNATION.-No, it is impossible. Much grieved.
-CARRIE.
JANES.-What a humbug you are. Darling, are you
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MYSTERY OF THE BALTIC FLEET.

Is Togo Cruising Under
Russian Colours?

RUSSIA'S NEW DANGER

Vladivostok Threatened, and Harbin
Reported Indefensible.

The third Baltic Fleet has arrived at Port Said, and the main body of the fleet is reported to be cruising somewhere in the neighbourhood of Colombo.

In spite of this report the opinion is still adhered to in shipping and underwriting circles in London that Admiral Rojestvensky really left Madagascar for Jibuti, en route for Russia.

According to the date of the sailing of the Baltic Fleet—March 16—none of the Russian ships could possibly have been in the position indicated, while it is also known in London that no fewer than twenty German colliers are awaiting Admiral Rojestvensky's arrival at Jibuti.

It is conjectured that the war vessels sighted will turn out to be the scouting ships of Admiral Togo's fleet sailing under Russian colours in order to cloak their identity.

200,000 MEN WANTED.

Linievitch in Desperate Straits—Rennenkampf's Heavy Losses.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.—Telegrams from Guntzu-ling describe the Russian position in the most pessimistic terms, and declare that unless 200,000 men are sent to the front at once as reinforcements the army must retreat, and may even have to fall back to Siberia.

The chances of defending Harbin are stated to be very small. General Rennenkampf, it is added, has lost three-fourths of his force.

A vast Japanese turning movement is developing. The correspondents anticipate that the Russians will soon be cut off from Vladivostok, and strongly advise that that port should be garrisoned and adequately provisioned to withstand a long siege.—Reuter.

WHERE IS KUROKI?

Investment of Vladivostok Feared at Russian Headquarters.

WITH THE RUSSIAN ARMY, GUN-TZU-LING, Thursday.—Active preparations are being made for the next stage in the war. The stationary hospitals are being moved back, and the Harbin business houses are closing.

At headquarters here the conviction exists that General Kuroki has now directed his march to the north-east for the purpose of investing Vladivostok, while the Manchurian railway is employed to supply the main army in its advance upon Harbin.

Some military experts here are of opinion that instead of following up the Russian army at present the Japanese may relieve the pressure upon General Linievitch with the object of inducing him to concentrate in the region between Chantafu and Tieling, and then giving him battle.

Throughout the campaign, however, all the prognostications of the Russian side regarding the Japanese plans have failed.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT.

Moscow Delegates Agitate for Execution of Imperial Promises.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.—M. Bulguin, Minister of the Interior, to-day received delegates from the municipality of Moscow, who laid before him the demands of the municipality in connection with the Imperial Rescript of March 3.

The municipality asks that its delegates shall be admitted to the special conference of representatives of the people provided for in the Rescript, that free discussion shall be permitted in the Press of questions affecting the work of the conference, and that the deliberations of the latter shall be held in public.

The interview lasted an hour. To-morrow, the Minister will receive a deputation from the Moscow Zemstvo.—Reuter.

M. Bulguin is charged with the execution of the promise made in the Rescript of March 3.

LORD BROOKE BACK FROM THE FRONT.

Earl of Warwick's Son's Views of
the Far East War.

RUSSIANS HOPELESS.

Lord Brooke, eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Warwick, who has just returned home from Mukden, where he acted for nine months as a Reuter's correspondent with the Russian army, has much to tell of the feeling and impressions of the Russians during the campaign.

His journey home through Siberia, says Reuter, was constantly delayed by the blocks of traffic. Between Mukden and Harbin, hospital trains were continually crawling westward.

Captive Japanese officers with whom he travelled were busy studying Russian all the time they were in the train.

"At the beginning of February," says Lord Brooke, "the great majority of Russian officers had small hope of retrieving what had been lost, and were advocates of peace. The men are tired and lack enthusiasm in the war. The war, from the outset, has never been popular."

That Kuropatkin had realised the enormous loss of life entailed by an advance was proved by his having ordered the hospitals to prepare to receive 70,000 wounded.

GREAT MILITARY FEAT.

As Kuropatkin had over 450,000 men and 2,000 guns, the Japanese success in driving him from a strong natural position, prepared for defence, by four months' hard work, with barbed wire and mines, should be regarded as one of the greatest military feats of modern times.

Though the Russians did not feel confident about an advance, they were quite sure the Japs could not turn them out of the Sha-ho position.

The censorship at Mukden is not severe upon incoming news. "Red Sunday" was fully described in the newspaper published on the field.

Up to the beginning of February the men had unbroken confidence in Kuropatkin. They might not have trusted him a Napoleon, but admired and trusted him.

Liniévitch, though advanced in years, is wonderfully energetic, and has won the deep affection of his troops by his cheery manner and fatherly interest.

TERRIBLE FATE OF THE WOUNDED.

Most of the wounded at Sandepu who were not almost immediately picked up were fatally frost-bitten.

The governing classes at St. Petersburg Lord Brooke found, as a rule, in favour of prosecuting the war. They still fervently hope to win one victory, which will enable them to escape from the situation with honour.

Merchants and the middle classes, however, think the war should be finished. Even if Port Arthur were recaptured, millions would have to be spent upon it to make it any use at all.

The Chinese at Mukden were exceedingly friendly to the Russians, who treated them well.

Lord Brooke thinks the Russian chances of ultimate success almost hopeless. Even a Napoleon would shrink from the task of Liniévitch.

LORD ANGLESEY'S WILL.

A Near Relation, Not His Widow, Is the
Dead Marquis's Sole Legatee.

The late Marquis of Anglesey left a will assigning all he possessed to a near relative.

The beneficiary, whose name must not yet be disclosed, is not the widow; but rumours that the will contained eccentric clauses are untrue.

It is worded in simple, direct language, and consists of only a few lines.

All that remains for the legatee is the contents of the Marquis's wardrobe, some jewellery, and a little money.

One of the first acts of the new Marquis of Anglesey has been to alter the name of Anglesey Castle, near Bangor.

The late holder of the title changed it to Anglesey Castle from Plas Newydd (Welsh for new place), but his successor has decided to revert to the old name.

LANDSLIDE MAY DESTROY A VILLAGE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NICK, Friday.—A little French village, with eighty inhabitants, near Grasse, called Sagnès, is threatened with destruction by a landslide. Occupants of some of the houses most endangered have received help from the Government. Engineers declare that nothing can be done to save the hamlet, heavy rains being the prime cause of the trouble.

KAISER AT DOVER.

Full of Admiration for the Splendid
New Works.

When the German Emperor arrived on the liner Hamburg at Dover at eight o'clock yesterday morning the first message he received was one from King Edward, hoping he would have a pleasant voyage in the Mediterranean.

The Kaiser was greatly delighted, and before leaving dispatched a telegram of thanks to his Majesty.

The Hamburg steamed into the harbour under the escort of the cruiser Frederick Karl, from which at once boomed forth a salute.

Immediately Mr. Ernest March, the Vice-Consul, and Captain Irons, the Dover harbour-master, went on board the Hamburg with dispatches, and were greeted by the Kaiser, who was looking remarkably well and was dressed in a blue yachting suit.

On their arrival his Majesty was on the bridge scanning the great maritime works through his field-glasses.

For about half an hour the Emperor plied Captain Irons with questions as to the new commercial harbour, which is now being used by four German steamship lines.

EMPEROR'S COMPLIMENTS.

His Majesty remarked with satisfaction that his prediction to the Dover Harbour deputation at Berlin that the place would develop into one of the most popular ports of call was rapidly being verified.

The advancement made by Dover since he was last here evoked his keenest admiration, and he described the Admiralty Harbour as a magnificent piece of work.

The large crowds gathered on the promenade were greatly disappointed that the Kaiser did not land.

The Hamburg proceeded on her voyage at a quarter past ten.

The Kaiser has had the Hamburg fitted up on the most elaborate scale.

One of the novelties is an electric horse, on which his Majesty takes equestrian exercise that occasionally takes an alarmingly violent form.

The vessel is equipped with wireless telegraphy, by means of which the Emperor is kept in touch with his beloved empire.

DOINGS OF ROYALTY.

King Edward Much Better—King of Spain
Drinks the British Nation's Health.

Taking advantage of the warm spring weather, the King drove out again yesterday afternoon.

His Majesty, who looked decidedly better, made a tour of the parks and a private call, returning to the Palace soon after 5.30. He was frequently recognised and saluted.

Last night his Majesty gave another banquet at the Palace. Last week the Prince of Wales entertained on the King's behalf, but on this occasion his Majesty was able to dine with his guests.

It is now definitely arranged that the King will leave from Dover for the Continent on April 6 at 11.45 in the morning, and it is understood that in the first instance he will go direct to Copenhagen.

The Queen's departure from Lisbon has been fixed for this afternoon at four o'clock.

The Duke of Connaught, at a state banquet at the Palace in Madrid, on Thursday, when responding to the health, given by the King of Spain, of the British Royal Family and the British Nation, declared, says Reuter, that King Alfonso's visit to England was looked forward to with impatience.

STATESMAN'S HOLIDAY.

Mr. Chamberlain at Folkestone Treats Snap-
shotters with Amused Tolerance.

Mr. Chamberlain is enjoying his holiday at Folkestone to the full.

The right honourable gentleman yesterday morning strolled along the Leas Promenade and the Lower Sandgate-road, undercliffe, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain and Miss Chamberlain, and the distinguished party appeared to revel in the brilliant sunshine and the joyous scene.

The ex-Colonial Secretary was specially snapped for the "Daily Mirror," and the excellent photograph of the Tariff Reformer appears on page 1.

In the afternoon Mr. Chamberlain for the first time during his stay here, remained in his room, Mrs. and Miss Chamberlain going for a drive over the hills.

The liner Hamburg, with the German Emperor on board, passed down Channel in the morning in full view of Mr. Chamberlain's rooms at the Grand.

PRESIDENT'S OPEN-AIR CURE

WASHINGTON, Friday.—President Roosevelt, while on his hunting trip in Colorado, lives entirely in the open air.

He spends the day in the saddle and his nights in a sleeping-bag wrapped in a rubber blanket.—Luffan.

COMING BATTLE OF THE BLUES.

Well-Matched Rivals in the Uni-
versity Boat Race.

WHICH WILL WIN?

By AN OLD BLUE.

That painful and strenuous period for the University crews which precedes the boat-race has been made less painful, if not less strenuous than usual this season by the extraordinarily mild weather we are having.

I never remember to have noticed such interest on the part of the general public in the contest as is the case this year.

That may be attributed partly to the weather, but a great deal also to the fact that the crews seem excellently matched.

Taking the general impression of the work done during the last week or so, I am inclined to say that Oxford has command of a very reliable and telling rhythm.

Their stroke, Mr. H. C. Bucknall, is wonderfully steady and patient. Without being exactly that rarity, a stroke of genius, he is persistent, hard-working, and knows exactly how to put on pace at the critical moment.

The Cambridge men, on the other hand, who began by being a prettier crew to look at, have suffered from an unexpected reorganisation of their boat.

INFLUENCE OF THOMAS.

On Monday last Bruce, of Trinity Hall, who rowed two, was taken out of the boat, and Savory, who had rowed four, and weighs nearly 10lb. more, took his place. More remarkable still, P. H. Thomas, who rowed so admirably in last year's boat, was called in to fill the gap.

Yesterday and on Thursday he rowed remarkably well, but inevitably his lack of training will pull the crew back for a day or two.

On Monday, the first day on which Thomas went out with them, Cambridge had rough water to deal with, and the newcomer must have felt very stiff after this sudden plunge into hard work.

Naturally they did not work together so well as they had done the day before. Thomas is a finer oarsman than Bruce, however, and, if the crew can assimilate him in time, he ought to be to their strongest point.

On Tuesday I was not altogether surprised to find that Thomas had an influence for good on the rest of the crew.

BOTH TEAMS IN GOOD FORM.

Yesterday again Cambridge maintained the good impression which had been created by their Putney-to-Hammersmith course on Thursday. They did a good, steady morning's work, rowing first 65sec. at 38 strokes with a scratch Jesus crew, and further on, for 1min. 18sec. at a stroke of 30.

The Oxford boat had had its stretchers lowered yesterday. The crew continued to use a new set of detachable oars, supplied them by Ayling's firm. They went at a pace of from 27 to 30 during those two sharp spins in the morning.

In the afternoon Cambridge got afloat at four o'clock. With a scratch London crew two lengths ahead the Cantabs shaped well, and reached Craven Steps in 2min. 41sec., and did the mile in 4min. 23sec. The rate of striking was thirty-four.

Oxford got away a few minutes after their rivals and put in the most finished piece of rowing they have yet given.

After drifting to Alexander's Boathouse they turned and went in good style to the end of the football ground, afterwards paddling as far as Harrod's Wharf.

Here they were joined by the London crew, and, striking 33 to 34 under Hammersmith Bridge, they went at racing pace to Thornycroft's in 4min. 7sec. Their form was excellent.

It seems to me at present, judging especially from the fine performances of Cambridge on Thursday and yesterday, that theirs is the faster crew over a short distance. The question is: Have they the same staying power as Oxford? That is the problem of this year's race.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Two hundred children are absent from school in the village of Earl's Hillon, Leicestershire, on account of a serious outbreak of measles.

While digging out a rat in a field at Radford a man unearthed a quantity of silver articles, which proved to be the proceeds of a burglary in September last.

Near Verona a bale of cotton weighing 30wt. fell yesterday from a goods truck against one of the carriages of the Venice express, says Luffan. An Englishman, giving the name of Captain Metcalf, received a deep gash over the right cheek bone.

Charles Park, an Englishman, the last survivor of Count Pisciane's expedition against King Bomba of Naples in 1857, has just died, says Luffan, at the age of seventy. He was imprisoned in Naples without trial, and not liberated till Lord Palmerston intervened.

LORD ROSSLYN'S SECRET FOUND OUT.

Only Three Friends and a Verger
Witnessed the Wedding.

LAUGHTER AND JOKING.

The secret is out. It was at St. Mark's, North Audley-street, by the vicar, the Rev. Robert Henry Hadden, that Lord Rosslyn was married last Monday to beautiful Miss Anna Robinson.

Another clergyman is said to have been approached, but firmly refused to perform the ceremony, Lord Rosslyn having been divorced from a lady now living. But Mr. Hadden had no scruples—the Vanderbilt wedding took place at this church not long ago—and the licence being in order the ceremony took place the same afternoon.

The whole service only occupied about a quarter of an hour, and no one but the vicar, a verger, and three friends of the bride and bridegroom witnessed the wedding.

Miss Robinson drove up to the church in a hansom cab with the girl friend who formally gave her away, and the Earl and two gentleman friends were awaiting her.

A Merry Little Party.

Bride and bridegroom seemed in the highest spirits, and there was much laughing and joking among the little party, both before and after the ceremony.

Miss Robinson wore a pretty travelling costume of pale blue crepe de Chine, tastefully trimmed with white lace, and a smart blue hat to match trimmed with feathers.

On leaving the church Lord Rosslyn and his bride, laughing merrily, entered a passing hansom cab and drove to the bride's residence in Norfolk-street, Park-lane, where they remained till Thursday, when they left for Paris.

The Rev. R. H. Hadden, whose church is becoming famous for such quiet and romantic weddings, is an Honorary Chaplain to the King, and was from 1888 to 1898 vicar of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. Father Black has more than once publicly protested during the weddings at St. Mark's of persons who have been divorced.

RUSH TO LEND £2,000,000.

Amazing Eagerness of Investors for the New
Siamese Loans.

The revival of affairs in the City was strikingly proved yesterday by the rush of investors for the Royal Siamese Government's Four-and-a-Half per Cent. loan of £1,000,000.

At six o'clock in the morning there was a queue outside the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to which £500,000 worth of scrip had been allotted, and by eleven o'clock that amount had been subscribed four times over.

The prospectus was only issued Thursday afternoon, but the first mail yesterday was the heaviest the Corporation have received for many months.

The number of the letters ran into five figures, and exceeded that on the occasion of the issue of the Chinese Gold Loan six weeks ago.

PRISONS COST US MORE.

But the Royal Irish Constabulary Are a
Great Deal Cheaper.

The net total of the Civil Service Estimates for 1905-6 is £29,614,221, or rather more than half a million more than last year's.

Law and justice demand £3,800,000, £20,000 more being required for prisons, owing to the increase of summary commitments.

Royal Irish Constabulary expenses have been cut down by £92,000 in two years.

Education, science, and art require nearly 16½ millions; £2,000 of this sum is to be spent in conducting the purchase of Titian's "Portrait of Ariosto" for £30,000, for which Lord Iveagh, Mr. Astor, and Mr. Pierpont Morgan each contributed £5,000.

Among the miscellaneous items is a grant of £20,000 for the Prince and Princess of Wales's visit to India.

In 1896 only £25,000 was allowed for the Secret Service Estimate; that for 1905-6 is £95,000.

6d. HYMNBOK SOLD FOR 43s.

A copy of Watts's hymns and songs, sold for 6d. in 1707, realised 43s at Sotheby's yesterday.

The sale included twenty-three manuscripts of Charles Reade's novels and his letter-book, which produced a total of £317 10s.

The most important manuscript, that of "Hard Cash," found a purchaser at 25s.

A copy of the Kelmscott Chaucer only realised £43, half the sum it realised three years ago.

M. JULES VERNE DEAD

Author of a Hundred Novels Whose
Prophecies Came True.

We regret to announce the death at Amiens yesterday of M. Jules Verne, the world-famous writer of scientific romance. Paralysis set in last week, and recovery was hopeless, but he was conscious just before the end.

Jules Verne's books—just about a hundred in number—have thrilled and entertained hundreds of thousands of schoolboys all over the world.

They nearly all dealt with the conquest of Nature by science. With the first of the series, "Five Weeks in a Balloon," the author made a great hit in his thirty-third year, and an enterprising publisher at once gave him a contract for two books of the same kind annually. M. Verne went on supplying them to the very end of his life.

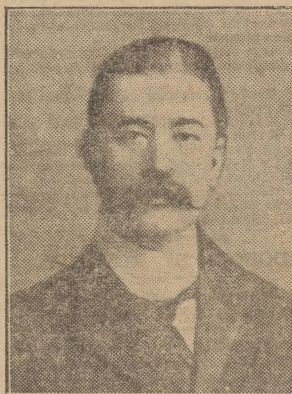
Born in 1828, he was intended for the Bar, but preferred writing.

His life was very simple. He was almost a vegetarian, went to bed early, and rose soon after four. His wife was his constant companion and his only literary adviser. Nothing pleased him better than to romp with happy, little children in his beautiful garden.

He was a charming, kindly old man, loved by everyone who knew him.

On page 11 will be found an interesting article on M. Verne's prophecies already fulfilled, and his predictions, as to the future.

MR. LESLIE WARD.



Much interest has been aroused by the hearing of the summons taken by this gentleman against an omnibus conductor. Mr. Ward is "Spy," of "Vanity Fair."—(Elliott and Fry.)

'HAMLET' WITHOUT SCENERY

Famous Actor's Niece Scores a Success
as Ophelia.

There was an afternoon performance at His Majesty's Theatre yesterday, but the scene-shifters had a holiday. Mr. Tree was playing "Hamlet" on a draped stage, without any of the elaborate "sets" and "cloths" to which he and his company have been accustomed.

The scenery was not missed. The play went exceedingly well without it. A house packed from top to bottom followed it with close interest, and heartily endorsed Mr. Tree's interesting experiment.

The Ophelia of this occasion was Miss Beatrice Forbes Robertson, a niece of the famous actor, who made a very favourable impression in Mr. Finney's "Lety." She played with a pretty, girlish pathos that won all hearts.

To-night Mr. Tree puts on "A Man's Shadow" in place of "Much Ado," which has lasted for just over two months.

£10,000 JEWEL ROBBERY.

Arrested yesterday on suspicion of being concerned in the £10,000 jewel robbery at Birmingham, a man was detained for some time at Bow-street.

At two o'clock, Mr. Smith, the chemist, in whose shop the robbery took place, arrived in company with Mr. Berens, a friend of M. Glatner, who was robbed.

They failed to identify the arrested man, and he was released.

ROWTON HOUSE WITH 1,100 BEDS.

Sir Richard Farrant, chairman of Rowton Houses, Ltd., announced yesterday that the company were now building at Camden Town a house which would be the largest hitherto constructed, and would contain 1,100 beds.

This great hotel will be ready in August.

MALL MILKMAIDS.

Busy Preparing Their New Place
on Horse Guards Parade.

OPENING TO-DAY.

The Mall milkmaids, Mrs. Kitchen and Miss Burry, ejected from their historic premises, reopen the Milk Fair on the Horse Guards-parade at nine o'clock this morning.

Situated by the entrance to the Park on the Horse Guards-parade, the keeper's lodge has been transformed to meet the requirements of the Milk Fair.

The Board of Works has done its part well. Bearing in mind the fact that Miss Burry and Mrs. Kitchen carry on each her separate business, the strictest impartiality in the matter of arrangements has been observed.

On each side of the roomy interior, glistening with its new white paint, are identical sets of cupboards and shelves.

One window faces north and the other south, and the two stalls have exactly the same counter space.

Sisterly in Chocole.

Miss Burry and Mrs. Kitchen made no fuss whatever in choosing their respective places.

Each side has its compensation. Miss Burry, looking towards the Horse Guards, will catch the people coming into the park, while Mrs. Kitchen will secure the custom of those going out.

Mrs. Kitchen may have a more rural view, but Miss Burry will have a magnificent position for the Trooping of the Colour and all reviews held on the Parade ground. So both are satisfied.

The sisters, who were busy getting ready yesterday afternoon, told the *Daily Mirror* something of the business they hope to do.

"Of course, we haven't got our cows," they declared, "but we are keeping our licence, which we have held since 1890, and perhaps one day a corner may be found for them."

Finally, the old ladies had a startling secret to divulge. In place of their own living cows they are endeavouring to have a life-sized automatic cow made.

"Then, you see," said Mrs. Kitchen, "we shall still be able to supply milk straight from the cow."

AUCTION OF 'WOODEN WALLS.'

Vessels Once the Pride of England To Come
Under the Hammer.

Of the seven of the Admiralty's obsolete vessels to be sold early next month at Chatham, the most interesting "lot" is the old wood... Exmouth.

She was built in the Crimean days, and was for many years utilised as a training ship for naval lads.

She is moored off the Sheerness Dockyard, and many perhaps may wish to take a last look at this grand old relic of England's proud "wooden walls" days.

One of the conditions of her sale is that "she must not be sold to the Powers at present at war!"

Another fine "wooden wall" specimen for sale is the Royal Adelaide; and the Warspite, Pigmy, Redwing, and Squirrel will also come under the hammer.

RIOTERS WRECK WINDOWS.

Fierce Attack on Residences of Army Boot
Manufacturers.

Boot manufacturers and managers at Raunds, Northampton, are the special objects of attacks by the strikers, who have bombarded their residences with stones and clods of earth.

While a mob of nearly a thousand were breaking the windows of the house of Mr. Alfred Miles, partner of the firm of Adams Brothers, the owner appeared on the scene and was struck on the head by a stone.

The police prevented further damage, and the mob turned their attention to the house of Mr. William Lawrence, manager of Messrs. Owen Smith and Co.

They broke the windows here, and also those of the factory.

Women are among the foremost in these demonstrations.

DESERTED VILLAGE IN LONDON.

The tradesmen of Westminster appear to have a very real grievance against the London County Council.

For some years past the L.C.C. has been buying up houses for purposes of improvement in Mill-bank-street, Romney-street, and Smith-square, and evicting the tenants.

But though these houses have been bought up they still remain standing tenanted. Consequently the community are losing rates, taxes, and rents, and the local tradesmen, who have been very hard hit, have decided to send a deputation to the Westminster City Council.

CLASSICAL BUTCHER.

Irish Member Convulses the House by
Quoting Latin.

There was a good deal of merriment in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. William Field, the wealthy Dublin pork butcher, whose long, poetic locks and expansive shirt-front make him one of the most picturesque figures on the Nationalist benches, dropped into Latin.

It was upon the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill. "Summum jus, summa injuria," said the Nationalist, in piping voice, pompously pitched.

The Attorney-General for Ireland dropped his pad and looked quizzically at the Dublin butcher. The Chief Secretary looked at the Attorney-General. The Nationalists giggled and cheered.

"The right hon. gentleman can have more if he wants 'em," added the classical butcher, whose colleagues meanwhile rewarded him with admiring looks.

But neither Mr. Long nor Mr. Atkinson evinced a desire for more, and Mr. Field, stretching himself to the utmost height of his commanding stature, let the matter drop by sententiously expressing the hope that both the Chief Secretary and the Attorney-General were "well up in their classics."

The Bill was read a second time amid Nationalist cheers, and referred to the Grand Committee on Law.

DIARY OF AN M.P.

Tariff Reformers Jubilant Over Mr. Chamberlain's Revolt Against Conservative Whip.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Friday Night.—

It goes without saying that Mr. Chamberlain's letter to the chairman of the Greenwhit Conservative Association has created quite a commotion among all sections of political parties at Westminster.

Tariff reformers are, of course, jubilant at the line Mr. Chamberlain has thought it necessary to take, and profess to view it as the beginning of a more active campaign against the free-trade members of the Conservative Party.

It is not difficult to see, however, that its effect is likely to be much more far-reaching than possibly Mr. Chamberlain himself has intended.

To begin with, it has placed Sir Alexander Acland Hood, the popular Chief Whip of the Party, in a most awkward and unenviable position.

He has already publicly pronounced in favour of Lord Hugh Cecil, and presumably this could only have been done after full consultation with Mr. Balfour.

Resignation Rumoured.

Rumour has it in the Lobby to-night that Sir Alexander is not at all inclined to remain quiescent while Mr. Chamberlain is making his duty more difficult in the constituencies, and that he is inditing a letter to Mr. Balfour, which, in view of all that is taking place, may shortly have peculiar public interest.

It seems hardly probable that he would think it necessary to hand in his resignation, as has been reported, but there is no doubt he is sufficiently influential with Mr. Balfour to induce the right hon. gentleman to make it clear that he will support anything Sir Alexander Acland Hood may do in his selection of candidates for the next election.

Dulness again prevailed this afternoon, when the Town Tenants' (Ireland) Bill was discussed prior to a second reading, and members breathed a sigh of relief when the adjournment came shortly before six o'clock.

DARING NOTE ROBBERY.

Travellers on the Way from Manchester to
Paris Relieved of £1,610.

Another sensational robbery from travellers is just reported.

Whilst Messrs. Lomnitz and Duxbury were travelling from Manchester to Paris, well provided with funds, a black morocco pocket-case with silver fastenings was stolen from them.

The case contained three £500 Bank of England notes, one £100 note, and one £10 note.

The numbers of the £500 notes are 65,355, 65,356, 65,357; of the £100 note, £2,673; and the £10 note 65,503.

The theft and the numbers of the notes were immediately notified, both at Manchester and Paris.

BLIND PEER ON THE BLIND.

The subjects now open to the blind by means of the Braille system, said Viscount Middleton, who is himself sightless, at the annual meeting of the Home Teaching for the Blind Society yesterday, includes history, science, geography, travel, poetry, and fiction.

As one blind man remarked, these books gave him "a good look into the world."

"IDEA PEG."

What Managers Will Pay for a Musical Comedy Motive.

COPYRIGHT IN POTENTATES

Fancy! One thousand pounds for an idea! Laughter died away into wonderment yesterday when Captain Fraser, plaintiff in the musical comedy law-suit, claiming damages for infringement of copyright against Mr. George Edwardes, told Mr. Justice Darling and the special jury which is trying the case that, while far away on the plains of India, he had heard that his present opponent was prepared to give, for idea-pegs on which to hang musical comedies, sums ranging from £400 to £1,000.

The captain was being cross-examined by Mr. Gill, K.C., who had taken up the tale of cross-questioning where Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., had laid it down on the previous day. He was being asked about his motives for bringing his action against Mr. George Edwardes.

Had the fact that Mr. Augustus Moore had been awarded £100 in another action about "A Country Girl," against Mr. Edwardes, been responsible for the writ? Mr. Gill was anxious to know.

The captain denied this, but he admitted that he became uneasy when he read what Mr. Tanner, Mr. Edwardes's playwright, had done with Mr. Moore's play.

"I was afraid Mr. Tanner might treat my play in a similar way," he added.

Then the captain repeated what he had read about Mr. Edwardes's valuation of ideas.

A "Foretaste" Part.

Mr. Gill hastened at this point to show that some ideas, such as the presence of Eastern potentates in musical comedies, are by way of being common property. Was not Mr. Rutland Barrington an Eastern potentate in the "Country Girl," the musical comedy that preceded "The Gipsies"? he inquired.

Captain Fraser (quickly): Yes, and Mr. Edwardes told me that Mr. Barrington was playing an Eastern potentate to get a foretaste of what was to come when he played in my piece. (loud laughter.)

Mr. Gill pounced on this answer. Mr. Gilbert, too, he suggested, when Mr. Barrington played Pooh Bah (Lord High Everything Else) in "The Mikado," had some such intention as this—to give Mr. Barrington a foretaste of playing an Eastern potentate as invented by Captain Fraser.

The captain did not think that was so, and he disclaimed the insinuation that he wanted to "make a corner" in Eastern potentates or plays.

While the captain was in England negotiating with Mr. Edwardes, he wrote some schemes for "Anglo-American" plays. In these he fitted parts to suit Miss Madge Orlinton, Miss Connie Ediss, and Miss Edna May—"a lovely part" for the latter lady.

Mr. Gill was curious to know why none of his previous efforts had been produced, except as amateur successes, "which meant nothing," he considered.

"There Are Others."

"The successes mean a good deal to the amateurs," replied Captain Fraser, to the accompaniment of sympathetic laughter among theatrical friends and opponents.

Another point that aroused Mr. Gill's curiosity was why Captain Fraser could not submit his work to other theatrical managers. "There are others," said counsel, with the particular intonation associated with this phrase.

"Is that a quotation?" demanded the Judge. Mr. Gill: Yes, my Lord. I am never original. I am always conventional. When I mention a lake it is not my lake. (loud laughter appreciative of Mr. Gill's originality.)

An interchange of compliments took place between Mr. Gill and the Judge during the afternoon. The Judge quoted "Mr. Witherington, K.C." from Mr. Austrey's book, "Babu Jabberjee, B.A.," and Mr. Gill retorted by referring to the babu's friend, "the honourable retired Judge."

The case was adjourned until Monday, when, if a suggestion by the Judge is carried out, a tabulated comparison of the points of resemblance between "Henry V." and "Peter Pan" will be submitted to the Court.

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How Their Dancing Destroyed a Neighbour's Peace of Mind.

Complaining that her windows rattled and the tins fell off her walls owing to the vigorous dancing which went on in the hall of the Co-operative Society next door, Miss Resk sought, at Derry Assizes, to obtain an injunction to stop the nuisance.

"The Teapot" and "The Fairy Circle" were the names, according to Miss Resk, of the local institutions whose members danced with such disconcerting energy. On the occasion of all-night dances, she said, she got no sleep, as the gentlemen rushed downstairs soiled to smoke on her doorstep.

On the other hand, stated one witness, the dancers did what they could on her behalf. Once, when he went to the hall, they had shut off steam. "How does a person dance when he has shut off steam?" asked the Judge. "Well, a feature of that night," said the witness, "was that they kept good time with their feet. They could put down their feet with any emphasis they liked."

The Judge: But did you ever hear of dancing that could be done without putting down the feet? Another witness explained that it was the "Fairy Circle," and not the "Teapot," that was carried on in the hall.

"Ladies were free," he said amidst laughter. "Any young lady who came was welcome."

"The dances were danced with considerable vigour," asked counsel. "Yes, just as the parties liked."

"After the dance where did the men go?"

"Home," said the witness.

Judgment was given for the defendants.

MR. J. T. TANNER,



A gentleman frequently mentioned in Captain Fraser's action against Mr. George Edwardes. — (Garot Charles.)

TOO SHY TO LIVE.

Diffident Witness Commits Suicide Rather Than Give Evidence.

Looking forward with dread, it is said, to the prospect of appearing in the witness-box, Mr. George Williams Briers grew so nervous that his mind became unbalanced, and he committed suicide. He attended the High Court on Wednesday last to give evidence in an action brought by another man against his neighbour.

His turn to go into the witness-box was not reached, and he should have gone again on Thursday, but, to the surprise of his relatives, he decided to stay at home.

In the morning there was no sign that anything was wrong, but during the afternoon his daughters, to their horror, found him lying in a wooden shed in the garden, on the point of death, with his throat cut, and a bloodstained razor by his side.

Briers, a respectable, hard-working man, lost his wife some time ago, but was thought to have recovered from the melancholy caused by her death.

KILLED BY FISCAL POLICY.

Having swallowed a piece of newspaper nearly 9in. square, George Hamnah, an aged road-sweeper, of Notting Hill, died from peritonitis yesterday.

"What paper is it?" asked Mr. Oddie, deputy coroner, at the inquest at Kensington yesterday.

Dr. H. E. Barrett, Well, Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy is mentioned, perhaps he could not stomach that. (Laughter.)

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., M.P., was prevented, by an attack of gout, from taking part in the "Gingalee" action at the Law Courts yesterday.

CONQUERED.

New Turbine Liner - Victorian Triumphs in a Severe Test.

OCEAN-GOING LUXURY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MOVILLE, Friday.—The new turbine steamer Victorian, of the Allan Line, arrived here at nine o'clock this morning.

The voyage from Liverpool, short as it was, afforded proof that those who travel by turbine liners are guaranteed absolute immunity from seasickness.

During the night the vessel passed through a heavy north-easterly gale and exceptionally rough seas. But the passengers were not aware of it, and not one case of seasickness occurred.

Indeed, the passengers could not be certain whether they were anchored or moving through the water at the rate of seventeen knots an hour. There is no vibration at all.

I paid a visit to the engine-rooms, which present a strange appearance to one accustomed to the machinery of an ordinary ocean-going vessel.

270 Revolutions a Minute.

There is no spectacle of tremendous heaving cranks or whirling wheels, no deafening thud of ceaselessly throbbing machinery.

All that could be seen was three iron cases resembling boilers. But inside those simple cases 25,000 blades, or 75,000 distinct pieces of metal, were making 270 revolutions a minute.

To all appearance, the engineers have but little to do. Occasionally they listen at the tube in the end of the turbine, and note by the continuous roar of the steam that all is going well.

The horse-power supplied by these engines is 12,000. Many engineering experts are on board, and all express their sense of the full success of this practical trial.

In other respects the Victorian is equally a vessel of luxury. There is ample deck space for the 1,700 passengers she carries—700 in the cabins and 1,000 third-class.

She leaves for Halifax to-day at 2 p.m., after embarking passengers and mails.

£250 FOR A HUSBAND.

Sequel to a Lady's Disappointing Search for a Life Partner.

Finding a husband has been an expensive business for Miss Hermann.

In reply to an advertisement in the "Matrimonial Post," she called on Mr. Charlesworth, the proprietor, and agreed to pay him £250 if he found a husband for her. She afterwards paid him £432 to secure her introductions to likely partners.

Mr. Charlesworth agreed to return £47 in the event of no engagement or marriage taking place within nine months.

Introductions were made and photographs exchanged, but nothing resulted.

Miss Hermann brought her action in the county court for the return of her money. She won her case. Mr. Charlesworth appealed to the Divisional Court, which reversed the decision.

Miss Hermann in her turn applied to the Court of Appeal, where the case was called on yesterday. Arguments of counsel were not concluded when the Court adjourned.

DISGRACED CLERGYMAN'S SON

"Better Be a Good Working Man Than a Poor Gentleman."

"There is no more miserable being than the poor gentleman, whereas a good working man is respected by everyone," said Mr. Fordham at North London yesterday to a clergyman's son, Stanley Hughes, charged on remand with stealing a purse.

"Your father has taught you Greek and Latin," he continued, "but unless he can place you in a position where these accomplishments will be useful it would be far more sensible to have taught you some honest trade."

The father having promised to look after his son, the case was dealt with under the First Offenders Act.

STOCKBROKER AND HIS WIFE

"Mr. Croft has never at any time believed that his wife suffered from any mental incapacity," said Mr. Sheumaker, K.C., in the Divorce Court yesterday, announcing the happy settlement of the separation suit brought by Mrs. Ada Croft against her husband, a stockbroker.

It had been alleged that Mr. Croft had forced medical attendants upon his wife against the latter's desire.

Lady Who Was Not Her Husband's "Unity of Heart."

"You are not my Unity of Heart." That is what Dr. Samuel Bullivant, a medical man formerly in practice near Brighton, who was respondent in a divorce case begun yesterday, is alleged to have said to his wife, Mrs. Ethel Mary Bullivant.

"What did he mean by unity of heart?" asked the president.

It was explained by Mrs. Bullivant's counsel that there was another lady, a Mrs. Aphor, the wife of another doctor, whom Dr. Bullivant did regard as his "unity."

A peculiar story was told during counsel's opening of this complicated case.

It was said that a private detective in the disguise of a "paying patient" stayed in Dr. Aphor's house to keep watch on the relations between Dr. Bullivant and Mrs. Aphor, and to ascertain all about their "unity of heart."

Mrs. Bullivant, giving evidence, said that when she left her husband he said: "Curse you, curse the children, and curse the train."

The case was adjourned.

EVIDENCE BY HARD WORK.

Policeman Labours as a Navvy in Order To Trace a "Shebeen."

A member of the Derbyshire constabulary has just made a bold bid for promotion.

There were rumours of a "shebeen" for navvies on the borders of Herefordshire.

Disguised as a navvy, the ambitious constable secured a situation on the spot at 5jd. per hour, but found the arduous toil little to his liking.

"Hey up, young 'un," said one of his companions on the first day, "wilt tha' do a little job for me? Wilt tha' go to tut (tut) yonder and fetch a couple of quarts for me and ma mate?"

The amateur navvy did so, and went on working, delighted with his find.

On the following day, however, the enterprising officer found suspicious allusions to himself altogether too embarrassing, so he discreetly drew his pay and disappeared.

Further revelations may be expected in the police court.

"NO ONE TO SAVE US."

Accused Man's Callous Confession of a Heartless Crime.

The mystery of the painful tragedy at Wexford has been as painfully solved.

Practically battered to death, it will be remembered, were Michael Connors, a Crimean veteran, aged eighty, and his wife, aged sixty, in their cottage at Corrighlan, near Wexford.

Patrick Bushier, who had been known as a hard-working and unoffensive agricultural labourer, was arrested for the crime three days later.

It has just been officially stated that he made the following confession to the police.

"I may as well tell you the whole truth. I killed her first. I hit her with the hammer, and she never breathed after. The old man then cried out, 'Is there no one to save us?'"

"He attacked me, and then I attacked him. There was no long about doing for him, too. There was no one there but myself."

DIALOGUE IN OLLENDORF STYLE.

The inconsequent sentences of French exercises for beginners is recalled by a question and answer heard at the City Summons Court yesterday.

The Alderman: Have you got two shillings? Defendant: No, but I've got three children and a wife.



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823,437 PAUPERS.

One Person Out of Every Forty
Receives Poor Law Relief.

ALARMING INCREASE.

The poor we have always with us, but this year their numbers in London are greater than in any year since 1895.

And 1895, according to a White-paper just published, marked the high-water mark of pauperism in England and Wales during the last thirty years.

The decline and growth of pauperism in England and Wales and London during the last ten years is shown in the following table giving the ratio per thousand:—

	Lon- don.	Eng- land & Wales.		Lon- don.	Eng- land & Wales.
1895	32.2	26.0	1901	23.8	22.2
1896	32.4	26.0	1902	24.7	22.4
1897	34.0	24.2	1903	26.3	22.4
1898	34.6	23.7	1904	25.4	23.5
1899	34.0	23.9	1905	27.8	24.4
1900	33.5	22.2			

At the end of February the number of persons obtaining relief from the rates was 129,529 in London alone, and 823,437 in England and Wales. During the preceding twelve months the numbers had increased by 12,163 in London, and 47,276 in England and Wales.

The increase is general throughout the country. For purposes of comparison the country is divided into fifteen districts, and in fourteen of these an increase is shown.

Only in the south-western division, containing Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset, is a decrease shown, and that but a slight one.

SLEEP CURE FOR THE POOR.

New Remedy for Jaded Londoners Daily
Increasing in Favour.

The latest fashionable cure is the "Sleep Cure," an idea borrowed from Sweden, where Dr. Otto Wetterstrand, an eminent doctor in Stockholm, is treating his patients.

Jaded London is eagerly inquiring for all particulars of this new cure, which promises to outdo in popularity all the various rest-cures which tired-out people have undergone.

The "Sleep Cure" is what its name implies, a deep, refreshing, health-giving sleep for days and weeks, with short intervals only of semi-wakefulness for the purpose of taking food.

The treatment, which is very simple, may be obtained in London under the auspices of the Psycho-Therapeutic Society in Bayley-street, Bedford-square.

The secretary told the *Daily Mirror* that they had already effected many cures.

ONCE A FRUIT PORTER.

Boy Who Won Fame and Fortune by His
"Gutter Hotel."

To-night at the Hoxton Baths a presentation is to be made by his friends and admirers to Mr. John Pearce—of "Pearce and Plenty" and the "B.T.T."—who has achieved fame as a caterer and renowned as a philanthropist.

Born in Hoxton in 1847 he was picture-framer, carpenter, baker, and Covent Garden porter before he took out his first coffee-stall in East-street, City-road. He built his "Gutter Hotel" with his own hands, and stood in it for thirteen years.

Then, in 1879, he opened his first restaurant in Aldersgate-street, and "Pearce and Plenty" soon became a household word among the working classes.

It was in 1892 that the first "British Tea Table" shop was opened—intended for clerks and superior artisans—and this company now owns eighty-one depots, and serves 80,000 customers daily.

Mr. Pearce, who lives at Dulwich, was frequently consulted by Lord Rowton when he was contemplating the erection of the first Rowton House at Vauxhall. His charity and generosity are well known.

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

King Edward has sent one hundred guineas to the Lynn Hospital, thus increasing his annual subscription by twenty-five guineas.

A nest of young rabbits has been found in the top of a hayrick, near Tiverton, Devon.

Sowerby, in Yorkshire, has asked to be amalgamated with its neighbour, Sowerby Bridge.

Five hundred dozen razors for Rangoon, at 3s. a dozen, were the subject of an action for breach of contract at Birmingham.

Dr. Nansen contradicts the report that he intends to lecture in this country on the political crisis between Norway and Sweden.

At a meeting of the creditors of Joseph Simpson, of Harrogate, it was stated that estimated assets were £2,499 1s. 3d. in excess of the liabilities.

"Japan Kelsey" plums are now arriving at the rate of 2,000 boxes a week from the Rhodes fruit farm in South Africa. The plums are retailed at 3d. and 4d. each.

Fear was expressed at a meeting of the Llanfyllin Guardians that the tramps in the casual ward would light their pipes with the leaves of the Bibles which are to be provided for them.

To get rid of the dog-fish that infest the sea off the coast of Cornwall it is suggested that they should be eaten. They taste like whiting, but, hitherto, their ugly appearance has protected them.

In a Southport street Kate Regan offered to stand on her head for 1d. To a constable who interfered she offered half that sum if he would do the same performance. The magistrate sent her to an asylum.

Because the building of a new marine drive at Westcliff-on-Sea has resulted in the loss of a large portion of the beach the local Ratepayers' Association ask for the transfer of a great quantity of sand from the west of the town.

The anomaly whereby a registered newspaper, weighing over 2lb. can be sent for 4d., while to post an unregistered periodical of the same weight costs 5d., will be the subject of a question to the Postmaster-General by Sir Gilbert Parker on Monday.

MADE THE PEERS SMILE.



The Earl of Wemyss created much amusement in the House of Lords by sitting down on his silk hat after making a speech on the evils of Sunday trading. The effect upon the hat is shown in the corner of the photograph.—(Fraderlie and Young.)

"A man who gets into debt mortgages his body," said Judge Cadman, at Halifax County Court.

From the neighbourhood of Falmouth thousands of bunches of sweet violets are now being sent to London.

For setting a snare for young deer in Epping Forest Thomas Whitbread, a carpenter, was fined 24s. yesterday.

Three extra exits and two extra booking-offices are being provided by the G.W.R. at Mountain Ash Station to deal with the Welsh Eisteddfod traffic.

The residents of the hamlet of Ditrar, near Wakefield, are trying to induce the postal authorities to alter the name to Durkar in the Post Office Guide. They claim that the original spelling was "Durkar."

John Cannon, a working man, summoned at Wigan for creating a nuisance, instead of appearing sent half a sovereign and a request that the balance, after payment of the fine, should go to a charity. The balance was 4s. 6d.

The finest shell-lined grotto in the kingdom and a beautiful rose temple, some 20ft. high, are the chief attractions of the gardens of Hampton Court House, laid out in 1766. Next Tuesday week the mansion and grounds are to be sold at the Mart.

A white swan in St. James's Park has deserted his mate and taken up his abode with a widowed black swan. Naturalists are watching the progress of events with interest.

A fall of roof at Hamstead Colliery, near Birmingham, killed a man named Little, and injured one of his companions.

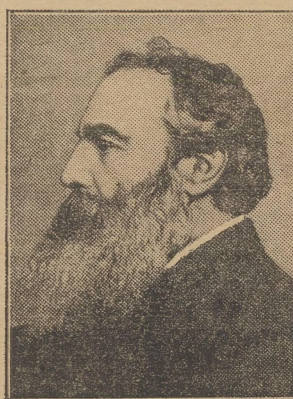
Seventy guineas premium had been paid on the barque *Francols*, arrived in the Mersey yesterday from San Francisco, ninety days overdue.

Interesting questions relating to the migration of birds will be discussed at the International Ornithological Society's meeting to be held in London in June.

A fisherman has been fined 10s. and costs for not reporting to the Receiver of Wrecks at Lowestoft the finding of twelve fishing-bowls and two bladders picked up at sea.

To enable the practice of coroners' juries viewing dead bodies to be discontinued special legislation would be necessary, is the Home Secretary's reply to a question by Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE G.W.R.



Mr. Alfred Baldwin, M.P., who has been elected chairman of the Great Western Railway, in succession to Earl Cawdor, First Lord of the Admiralty.—(Elliott and Fry.)

Tom Richardson, the Surrey fast bowler, yesterday was granted the license of the York-street Wine-vaults, Bath.

The strength of the British infantry, including the Guards, has increased to 146,453 since March 1, when it was 145,234.

Discarded uniforms of tramwaymen at Liverpool are now sold at a low price to the needy. Scores of sandwichmen in the city wear them.

"Everybody goes home now that there are electric tramcars," said a bankrupt restaurant-keeper at Newcastle, who attributed his failure partly to the improved tram service.

"If you were at home you'd make your husband hear you. Now deal with me in the same way," said Judge Bacon to an applicant, whose voice was sweet and low, at Whitechapel yesterday.

"Sparrows 685, rats 848," is the "bag" of the Hartfield (Sussex) Club for the destruction of farmers' pests for the past month. The Peshaw Club accounted for 896 heads and tails in the same period.

Sir Benjamin Stone, who for years has occupied himself in providing posterity with photographic records of present-day events, has been suddenly seized with influenza, and is lying ill at the Midland Hotel.

The use of Somerset House as a County Hall by the L.C.C. is suggested by Mr. Frederic Harrison, who says: "It is too bad for stamps, wills, and stationery to occupy one of the noblest palaces left in London."

The time for tenders for coal required by the War Office expired some days ago, and Newcastle contractors are wondering whether the customary orders are to be placed, and, if so, where. It is suggested that the War Office is "hard up" for money.

The "mercury method" of recovering bodies, which has just been successfully used in the canal at Brentford, is explained as that of weighting grappling irons with mercury, which readily sinks the appliance deeper into mud or sand than the ordinary dragging implement.

The Birkenhead District Council is so badly off for office-room that one of the members says he had to go through a confectioner's shop to see the rate-books, and in order to visit the surveyor, who lives in a cottage, he had to disturb the sanctity of a washing-day.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal

Photographs in To-day's

"Daily Mirror."

ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

AN AGE OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

Two instances of the extraordinary prices paid nowadays for things which to the average human being appear of little worth are illustrated by our photographs on page 8. Seven hundred pounds for a collie puppy and £2,000 for a few flowers seem absurd prices.

The dog is said to be one of the finest ever bred, and taking his prizes and probable descendants into account he may prove to be of even greater value to his American purchaser. Added to the pride of possessing the latest kind of flower produced, the buyer of the carnation "Enchantress" made a substantial sum by selling the plants produced from those for which he paid £2,000.

CITY CHURCHYARD IN PERIL.

There is likely to be much fierce controversy over the churchyard of St. Botolph's, in Bishopsgate, if those who now suggest that it should be built over proceed any further with their scheme.

As our photograph on page 9 shows, it is one of the prettiest little open spaces in the City, and, though the title-rate would doubtless be more than paid by the rent of the shops it is suggested should be built, there will be much opposition to such a device for money-making.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S HOLIDAY.

Our photograph of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain which appears on page 1 shows the great statesman in the company of his wife and one of his daughters, taking a brief rest from the cares of Parliament and the fiscal campaign at Folkestone.

"PUNCH'S" SKETCH OF "MIRROR" INTERVIEW.

This week's "Punch," in a sketch which is reproduced on page 8, hits off in a most amusing fashion the interview with Mr. Wanklyn published in the *Daily Mirror*. Mr. Winston Churchill denied that there was any truth in Mr. Wanklyn's story of the former having plotted to turn out the Unionist Government, whereupon Mr. Wanklyn informed the *Daily Mirror* that in future he should absolutely ignore Mr. Churchill's existence.

The effect of Mr. Wanklyn's refusal to recognise that his opponent existed is humorously portrayed by the celebrated "Punch" artist, whose drawing is reproduced by special permission of the proprietors of that journal.

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WOMEN AS TRADE UNIONISTS.

THIS year has already won for itself a memorable place in the annals of Labour as the first year in which the Labour members of the House of Commons formed themselves into a body for joint action. It looks as if 1905 would also be marked as the year in which the first serious attempt was made by women workers to organise themselves as men have done.

Hitherto it has been regarded as hopeless to induce women to combine of their own accord for their own benefit. There have been meetings for women workers, and there are several women's unions, but the motive power has in nearly all cases been supplied by men, or else by kindly, sympathetic women who are not obliged to work for their living themselves.

Next week, however, there is to be a demonstration in London which has been arranged entirely by working women, and at which only working women will make the speeches. This is a change indeed, and a change which may have very far-reaching consequences.

Up to now the neglect of women to organise and adopt trade union principles has kept down their own wages, and in many occupations has had the same effect upon the earnings of their men competitors. What will happen if they demand a higher standard of pay? One result will be that in such employments as clerking, typewriting, and so on men will have to follow suit.

Another result will be that a great many women will lose their work. Numbers of them are employed at present simply because they are cheap. As soon as they cease to be cheap they will be dispensed with. Other things being equal, the great majority of employers will always rather employ men than women.

It will come to this, then. The women who are really useful will be better paid, while those whose only recommendation is their cheapness will be permanently "out." It may be hard on certain individual cases, but on the whole the balance will be decidedly on the right side.

HEART-BREAKING!

No one can say in future that the Army Council has done nothing to justify its existence. We publish to-day a photograph of the "Army Council flag" which has been specially designed under the direction of this august body.

It looks like a child's drawing of a Union Jack gone wrong, with embellishments added in the shape of three antiquated cannon and three mediæval cannon-balls. An uglier or more ridiculous-looking object could not be imagined.

This precious flag, we learn, will be flying at the War Office on royal birthdays, except on those of the King and Queen, when the Royal Standard will be substituted; and, wherever the Army Council go, they will take it with them to show they are there!

Who is responsible for this tomfoolery? Who are the highly-paid officials whose time has been wasted over the trumpery design of the flag and the peddling regulations for its use? One would like merely to laugh at them, but it is heart-breaking to think that, while there are matters of vital importance to our national life to be settled, the War Office should still be so lost to a sense of proportion, so busy over absurd trifles, so utterly oblivious of the ludicrous figure it cuts over such an incident as this of the "Army Council flag."

That flag may be famous in history. Future generations may read with scorn and amusement how at a moment when Britain's fortunes hung in the balance the rulers of the British Army were devoting their attention to such a contemptible triviality as this.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

To have a catchword in your mouth is not the same thing as to hold an opinion; still less is it the same thing as to have made one for yourself.—R. L. Stevenson.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

LORD WEMYSS seems to be very hard upon hats. When he sat down resolutely upon his own, after describing his experiences in Petticoat-lane to the House of Lords, it was not the first time an accident of this kind had happened to him. Some years ago, as we recalled yesterday, he knocked off the King's hat in the same august chamber. Lord Wemyss was making a fervid speech about liberty, which is his pet subject, and the then Prince of Wales was seated on one of the crossbenches just in front of him. Suddenly, as he reached his climax, Lord Wemyss brought his fist down with a bang on to the Prince's hat, and crushed it into a rakish-looking pulp! It was a terrible moment for the noble orator.

Lord Wemyss is a typical instance of the "young-old" man. He was born in 1818, yet is still as energetic as a boy. He married at an

There was a comical little incident at Mr. George Alexander's most attractive and successful performance in aid of the Unemployed Fund. Mr. Lewis Waller was reciting the famous "Once more unto the breach, dear friends" speech from "Henry V." Presently he came to the passage:—

On, on, you noblest English!
Whose blood is fet from fathers of war-proof;
Fathers that, like to many Alexanders,
Have in these parts from morn till even fought.

At the word "Alexanders" there was a loud burst of applause. Mr. Waller recoiled in amazement. Then he saw that a certain number of the audience took Shakespeare's reference to be to "George Alexanders." He smiled and went on. And yet we talk about the "intelligent playgoer"!

It is strange to observe how the great always wish to resemble the great. Mr. Hall Caine, as we know, cultivates a personal resemblance to Shakespeare, and was by no means displeased when he landed in America to be greeted by an enter-

tain. "If it had been anything like me I might not have been pleased, but it is quite unrecognisable—quite unrecognisable." Mr. Ward was rather irritated. His irritation diminished, though, a few days later, when he received a letter from Mrs. Wellesley thanking him heartily for getting her husband to give up the dreadful old hat he had insisted upon wearing for at least twenty-five years. Another model who objected to his picture was the late Admiral Macdonell, known everywhere as "Rim," but he was appeased by no less a person than the King.

Admiral Macdonell rushed into "Spy's" studio the very day the cartoon of himself, under the name of "Rim," had appeared. He expressed his indignation by a series of nautical and unrepeatable oaths, after which he departed in a fury. King Edward, then Prince of Wales, heard of "Rim's" indignation and wrote him a charming letter, in which he expressed his admiration for "Spy's" portrait; and said he would like to possess the original. "Rim" was therefore completely mollified, and sat to "Spy" for another portrait, which was presented to the Prince with the compliments of painter and model.

Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace has been the chief British authority on Russian life for the past quarter of a century. The letter from a friend of his in Russia which has just been published—a friend whose sound judgment and opportunities of knowing Sir Donald guarantees—must therefore attract wide attention. The letter is a defence of the Grand Duke Vladimir. It denies, to begin with, that there is a Grand Ducal party in Russia, and it asserts further that, so far from being the head of any such clique, the Grand Duke Vladimir has taken no part in public affairs for ten years past.

With the events of January 22—"Vladimir's Day," as it is called—"he had nothing to do," so this amazing letter declares. He had proposed to undertake preventive, "as well as all repressive action," but his offer was not approved. Here, however, is a contradiction. If the Grand Duke takes no part in public affairs, how came he to make this offer, and to be put in charge of the "repression," as the letter appears to admit that he was? How difficult it is to arrive at the truth about the history of our own times!

Lord Glenesk, who is receiving so many touching letters of sympathy with him in the sad loss of his son, felt the death of his wife a few years ago severely, and this second blow will, I am afraid, rob his old age of all its happiness. He is a man of great courage, however, as those who knew him in his hard-working days are well aware. When he determined, as plain Mr. Algernon Borthwick, to sell the "Morning Post" for a penny instead of for threepence, all his friends went to him and shook their heads, and talked about ruin and recklessness, as people generally do when they hear of a good idea. But Mr. Borthwick persevered, and the fortune of his paper was made.

Lady Bathurst, Lord Glenesk's only daughter, will, I am sure, feel her brother's death very much, too, for she was devoted to him, and before her marriage to the seventh Earl Bathurst was his constant companion. Lady Bathurst is a pretty, graceful woman, quite unspoiled by her high position, or by the devotion which her parents always showed her.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Lord Hugh Cecil, M.P.

AROUND his head the fiscal battle wages fiercely. Mr. Chamberlain and the Conservative Whip fling challenges to one another across him. It looks as if the Greenwich disturbance might end by cleaving the Party in two into two hostile halves.

Yet amid it all Lord Hugh himself pursues his way unmolested. He is very well capable of taking care of both himself and his seat. He is one of the cleverest of the Cecils and a born fighter. In spite of his nervous and slight build, he has more than his full share of the family obstinacy and resolution.

From his earliest days he was educated to think and act for himself, and he always has done so. Then, too, he is a born orator, one of the best in the House. There is nothing laboured about his speaking. It is full of fire. He speaks like a man with a message.

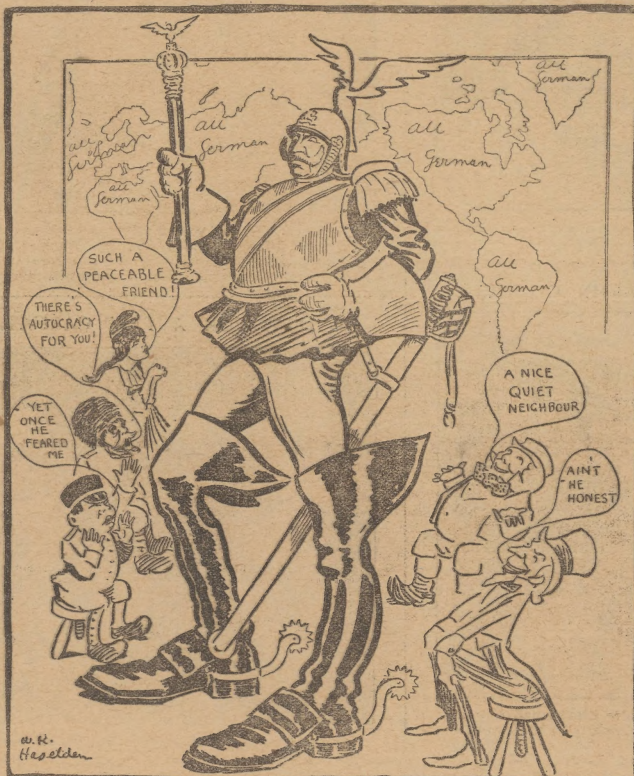
It is as the champion of the High Church Party, and the bitter opponent of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that he is best known to the man in the street. He will sit and talk Church politics for hours at a time. And he looks like such a æsthetic monk of a past age. The tall, slight, willowy figure is loosely put together. The thin, colourless face, surmounted by the bare, high forehead, projects forward above the long, thin neck in its loose collar. The shoulders stoop slightly forward. In the House his position is always one of indolent comfort.

Still, he is a fighter in spite of appearances to the contrary.

"IN MY GARDEN."

This feature will to-day be found on page 11.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S DREAM.



"The world-empire I have dreamed of is the German Empire, enjoying on all sides absolute confidence as a quiet, honourable, and peaceful neighbour."—Kaiser William's speech at Bremen.

age when most men have one foot in the grave—that is, at the age of eighty-two. He has been connected with the Volunteer movement, an enthusiasm which he associates with gold and liberty, for forty-five years at least. A comic story is told in connection with his command of a certain corps which was marching along Fleet-street, Lord Elcho, as he was then, at its head. He gave the order, "Right wheel!" The Volunteers did not understand, and began to get into a muddle. To simplify matters their commander was then heard to roar out, "Hang it all—turn up Fetter-lane!"

Mr. Chamberlain's letter advising the Greenwich tariff reformers to oppose Lord Hugh Cecil at the general election was very warmly discussed yesterday at the House of Commons and in the political clubs. Not only is Lord Hugh Mr. Balfour's cousin, but he received only a month ago a direct testimonial from the chief Conservative Whip, who declared that the Party organisation would support him. It is being more and more clearly recognised that the general election will finally split up the Unionist Party into tariff reformers and free-traders, and it is shrewdly suspected that one of the Prime Minister's objects in delaying the appeal to the country is to give some other large question a chance of coming up to throw tariff reform into the background.

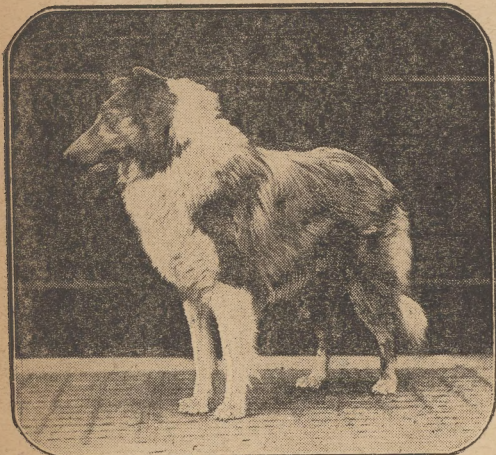
prising interviewer with, "How do you do, Lord Bacon?" Similarly, Kubelik, the great violinist, is proud of his likeness to the great Beethoven; and now I hear that a new violinist, who is to appear on the evening of April 14, at the Bechstein Hall, for the first time in London, is said to be the counterpart of what Rubinstein was at his age. His name is Trebini, he is only nineteen, and his admirers call him the "Rubinstein of the violin."

Omnibus-conductors, who are, as a rule (and no doubt excusably, considering the trials of their profession), a rather bad-tempered race of men, ought to be very careful whom they vent their rage upon. The one who pushed Mr. Leslie Ward, otherwise known as "Spy," the famous caricaturist of "Vanity Fair," into the mud, now finds himself menially notorious. I should have said that the man might be one of "Spy's" caricatured models in disguise, did I not know that his models are rarely annoyed with him. Once or twice he has made people feel rather sore, however. He represented the late Dean of Windsor, Dr. Wellesley, once with an exceedingly ancient hat on—it was the Dean's habit to wear very ancient hats.

Soon after the picture appeared he met the Dean at a party. "I don't mind your picture of me a bit," said the venerable man with freezing sur-

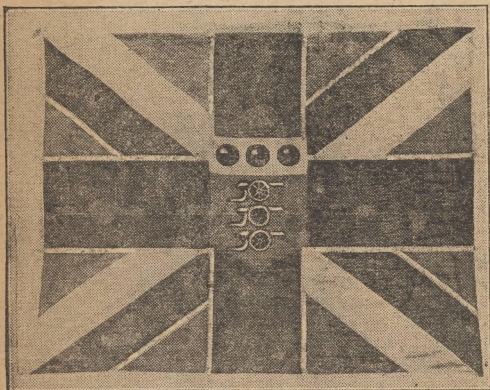
MIRROR, CAMERACRAPHS.

COLLIE PUPPY SOLD FOR £700.



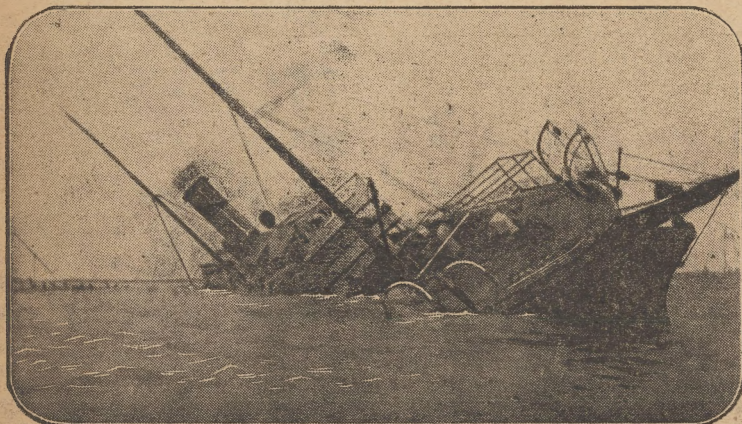
Southport Sculptor, the English collie puppy that has been sold to a New York breeder for £700.

NEW FLAG FOR THE ARMY COUNCIL.



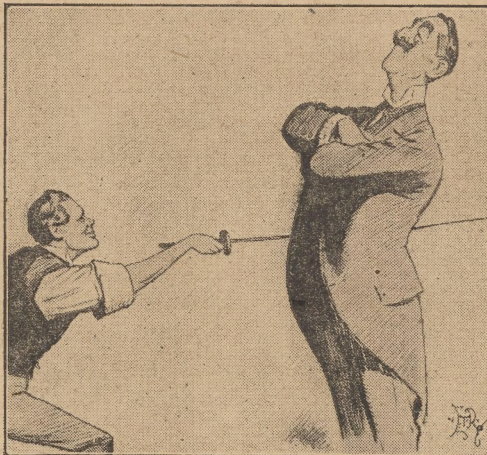
This new flag, the Union Jack with three cannon and cannonballs in the centre, has been designed especially for the use of the Army Council. It will be hoisted at the War Office on certain days and at the headquarters of stations the Council is visiting.

PASSENGER STEAMER AGROUND NEAR ALEXANDRIA.



The extreme peril of the passengers of the Cairo, who had to remain a whole night on the vessel after she went aground near the entrance to the port of Alexandria, may be judged from this photograph. Fortunately all were rescued, but the cargo and passengers' baggage were ruined.

'PUNCH' ON A 'MIRROR' INTERVIEW.



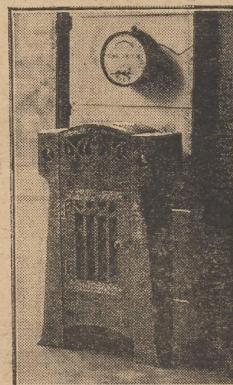
This week's "Punch" contains the above humorous illustration of a *Daily Mirror* interview with Mr. Wanklyn, in which that gentleman said, "I absolutely decline to regard Mr. Churchill as being on the earth. I ignore him utterly."

£2,000 FOR A FEW CARNATIONS.



Flowers of the new "Enchantress" carnation exhibited at the Royal Botanic Society's Show. A few specimens were sold for £2,000.

CLOCK LIGHTS STOVE.



This electric clock sets the stove beneath it working at any given time. It is a great advantage to those who object to getting up in a cold room.

RUSSIAN



A Russian soldier writing from

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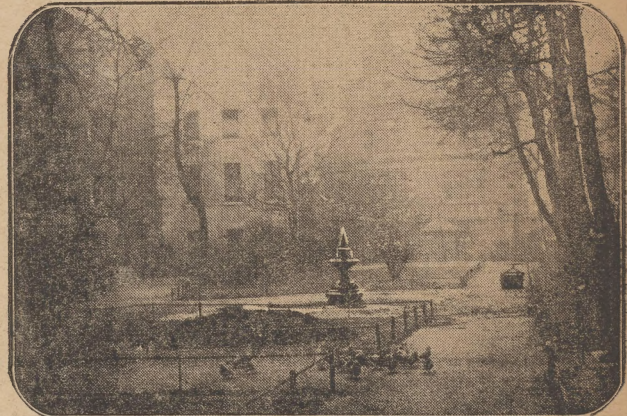
NEWS PHOTOGRAPHS.

ENTRY FROZEN TO DEATH AT HIS POST.



at tells of the terrible death of one of his comrades, who died while on outpost duty from the effects of the cold, his body being discovered by a company of Cossacks.

PROPOSAL TO BUILD ON A CITY CHURCHYARD.



It is suggested that what is known as the people's portion of the pretty churchyard of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, should be sold for building purposes, the money obtained to be used for the extinction of the present tithe rate. The project is likely to be strenuously opposed.

LADIES AT HOCKEY: NEWNHAM COLLEGE v. SURBITON.



Rushing for the ball after a roll-in during the hockey match between the ladies of Newnham College, Cambridge, and the ladies of Surbiton. The match, which was played at Surbiton, ended in a draw.

STEEPLECHASE RIDER BADLY HURT.



Out of a field of six horses that ran in the Selling Steeplechase Plate at Rugby; three fell, and Mr. Wood, who was riding Little David, was badly hurt.

Particulars of these photographs see page 6.

SOULS ADrift.

Whatever of earth is formed to earth returns; the soul alone, that particle divine, escapes the wreck of worlds when all things fail.—SOMERVILLE.

FOR NEW READERS.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

ROBERT LIDIARD. An artist of eccentric genius, with a leaning towards the horrible—a painter of cruel temperament whom English deities refused to patronise; a blatant egotist, conceited beyond all reason, and madly innocent, charming girl.

CECILIA LIDIARD. Robert's wife. She ran away from her friends to marry him in Paris.

MONTAGUE STONE. A rich portrait-painter who, out of pure regard for Cecilia and admiration of Robert's talent, has lent the Lidiards going with money without arousing a spark of gratitude in the egotistical Robert.

In the opening scene of this story we are introduced to the studio of Robert Lidiard. The artist's wife is bemoaning his taste for the unpleasant in art, and the pictures that will not sell. Things are at the very worst with the Lidiards.

Suddenly a telegram comes from a friend in Paris to say that Robert has won the gold medal of the Salon, and that his picture, "The Masque of Sin," has been bought for a thousand pounds.

The artist is naturally overjoyed and triumphant, and his conceit is preposterous. In the moment of his triumph he confesses to Cecilia that they had been living "very close to death," for in his pocket is a phial of poison which was to have taken them both out of the world, if things did not improve; assuming, as a matter of course, that his wife would have been willing to die with him. Now that fortune smiles he laughs at the poison, and sets up the phial on the flower-decked table prepared for the feast. He makes it the guest of the evening, and it reposes surrounded by roses. He thinks to it mockingly in a bumper of champagne.

Then comes the news in an evening paper that the medal has been awarded to a Frenchman. The congratulatory telegram was premature.

In the reaction of grief and despair that follows, Robert Lidiard decides to carry out his original plan. He pours the poison into two glasses of the champagne intended for the feast, and sends his wife drunk and mad to bed in the last hour.

They raise their glasses together. The man drinks, but the woman's teeth clench, her muscles turn to stone, she cannot open her lips. At last faintness overcomes her; the glass slips from her hand, crashing to the ground. Robert Lidiard shrieks—

"Betrayed—betrayed! I am dying—dying." His voice is shrill with despair and frenzy. "Betrayed—and you have escaped. You let me die! You wanted me to die—to be rid of me—to be free. Murderer! Murderer!"

He drops before the wife's eyes, and she gives way to panic. A crowd of people come knocking at the door. They come to congratulate Robert Lidiard, for he was successful after all. The news in the paper was wrong, and the original message was correct. Fortune smiles upon the successful man, and he lies prone and still.

Cecilia flies from the house.

Montague Stone, the generous neighbour and loyal-admirer of Cecilia, is the first to come with new authentic news and to congratulate Robert. But the merry-makers fly from the scene. Montague Stone remains, and sees signs of life.

"There is life in Robert Lidiard yet," he cries, but is sorely tempted to let him die.

CHAPTER IV.

Montague Stone stood up complete master of himself and his emotions, when the sound of heavy feet on the stairs proclaimed the arrival of the police. A doctor came with them, a stern, hard-featured man, but a man who knew his calling.

"My friend is alive," began Montague Stone quickly. "He has taken an overdose of some narcotic."

The doctor made no answer, but glanced down at the seemingly lifeless body of Robert Lidiard, and ordered the room to be cleared.

It took Montague Stone some time and trouble to get the police off the premises, but after a while they accepted his version of the tragedy, and agreed to believe Robert Lidiard the victim of an accident instead of a suspected suicide. Things would be different, they hinted, if the man did not recover, but Montague Stone knew this as well as did the lavishly-tipped grinders of the law.

He went back to the studio, to find that the doctor had settled down to a grim fight with death.

It was a hard and prolonged struggle; it necessitated the strange torture of Robert Lidiard's body; it had curious details of its own, but in the end science conquered.

"He'll do," muttered Dr. Andrews about the time dawn broke. He was gazing down with a satisfied smile at Robert Lidiard—Robert Lidiard who now lay in his own bed and would presently awake to a new day of life.

"Your friend ought to be grateful to you for getting rid of the police," he added, "for this wasn't a case of overdose. It was a deliberate attempt at suicide, possibly an attempt at murder. What's become of the man's wife now? She appears to have left the house—perhaps in a fright. I wonder where she is? In the streets, do you think?"

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Montague Stone started. "I never thought of that," he muttered. A terrible vision presented itself, a vision of Cecilia, panic-stricken, and helpless, roaming through desolate and deserted streets, delicate Madonna-faced Cecilia.

"I can't stay here," he cried. "I must go out and make inquiries about Mrs. Lidiard, and try and find out where she has gone."

He ran hastily out of the room, his concern for Cecilia's welfare very evident.

Doctor Andrews gazed after him.

"That man loves the wife," the doctor muttered under his breath. "What a complicated world we live in!"

Thus his attention was diverted to his patient, for Robert Lidiard began to moan a little. There was something peevish and whimpering in his voice; it was the protest of a soul dragged back to life.

After a while he began to talk to the doctor, to tell him all that had happened. He made no secret of the fact that he had endeavoured to persuade his wife to die with him. Every word the man spoke revealed such miserable egotism and appalling selfishness that the doctor began to wonder if he had done well to save the man at all.

"I suppose you know that your wife has disappeared," he observed coldly, "and I am sure I don't wonder, poor woman, for you must have terrified her nearly one of her senses."

You hardly seem to realise the shock you may have given a nervous and highly-strung woman. People have been driven out of their minds by less."

Robert Lidiard made no reply. He was clever enough to see in what light estimation the doctor held him, but he clenched his thin hands under the table, and he cursed the doctor and cursed Cecilia from the depths of his heart.

He cursed her because he realised that his absolute dominion of her mind and body was over the creature who was his his defied him, had escaped him. He was no longer her lover.

All the wholly selfish love he had given her in the past seemed to have been wasted. He was consumed with raving jealousy, the jealousy a sultan might bestow upon an escaped slave, for Robert Lidiard had all the impulses of an Eastern monarch, the monarch who desires that his women should be slain on his grave so that their lives and happiness should end with his.

"She vowed she would die with me," he muttered to himself, "and, believing that she would keep her word, I drank. Traitor!"

So the man argued, trying in crazy fashion to believe himself wronged and betrayed, giving way by degrees to a devilish lust for cruelty, longing to have Cecilia once more in his power, and to make her suffer.

"Wait till she returns," he thought to himself. "She shall scorch with shame under the fire of my reproaches; she shall be humbled to the dust. I gave her credit for the courage of a Hindoo widow, for the enthusiasm of the martyr. I was a fool. Her love is weak and pitiful, and she is a coward at heart."

Robert Lidiard had worked himself into a fever of self-compassion by the time that Montague Stone had returned from an ineffectual attempt to obtain news of Cecilia.

The portrait painter had tried his hardest, but could find no trace of the girl. She seemed to have disappeared, to have vanished among the shadows of London. No one he had questioned could give him the slightest clue; not a soul seemed to have observed poor, frightened Cecilia steal out of the old Chelsea house.

Robert Lidiard was seemingly little concerned by the mysterious disappearance of his wife.

"She will come back," he muttered hoarsely; "come back to the miserable life I would have saved her from—grinding poverty and sordid despair. We will have a bonfire when Cecilia returns." He spoke with savage energy. "We will burn my pictures, my masterpieces, and from tomorrow, Montague, you shall teach me to paint pot-boilers."

The man gasped and laughed to himself; his thin face looked unnaturally haggard, the lights in his eyes shone red.

Montague Stone suddenly realised that Robert Lidiard still laboured under the delusion that his picture had been rejected. Disregarding the slightest reference to himself, and the other's contemptuous mockery, he related as briefly as possible what had happened.

When Robert Lidiard grasped the fact that he had won the gold medal and sold his picture, he burst into a sudden passion of hysterical sobbing—he could neither repress nor control. He presented a pitiful spectacle of manhood, as he lay back gasping and weeping, tears streaming in his blind gaze from his eyes, his body trembling as with the palsy.

"There's a pretty example for you of moral decadence," remarked Dr. Andrews in low tones. "If that's what you call genius," he added with a shrug of his shoulders, "give me strong, healthy, everyday manhood."

Montague Stone made no answer, but he gazed at his former friend with cold and contemptuous eyes. How was it possible, he asked himself, that Robert could give way to such transports of delight over an artistic triumph and a monetary success,

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when it was absolutely impossible to guess what had happened to Cecilia, where she had wandered to, or into whose hands she had fallen.

Robert Lidiard raised himself and glanced at the doctor. He had by this time gained some self-composure.

"You have done good service for Art," he remarked, "in saving my life, sir, and one day Art and the world will give you thanks. Pardon me if I was foolishly upset a moment ago," he clutched at his palpitating throat with nervous fingers, "but good news means something to a man who has had to listen to the reverse all his life." He bowed a little, but a not ineffective, touch of real dignity, rendered almost sublime for the moment by his colossal vanity.

"Yes, I saved your life, I suppose," the doctor replied with a jerk of his grey head, "but it all came in my day's work." He moved to the door as he spoke and walked out, closing it heavily behind him. It was obvious he desired to have little further communication or dealing with his patient.

Montague glanced anxiously at the other man.

"Never mind the accursed picture, Robert," he said. "Think what we are to do about Cecilia. Hark, wasn't that the bell?"

The portrait painter started to his feet as he spoke and stood up as if erect in the attitude of a listener. He had not prayed for many a long year, neither prayers nor church-going were much in Montague's line—but he lifted his soul in heart-felt petition now.

"God grant that Cecilia stands outside the door," he muttered. "Oh, God, lead Cecilia home."

Montague Stone heard the street door open, open and shut, but it was not Cecilia Lidiard who crossed the threshold. He knew that at once, for he would have recognised her footstep among a thousand. Besides, he heard the sharp voice of a telegraph boy inquiring if he should wait for an answer.

A moment or two later Sally, the little maid-of-all-work, knocked at the door of the bedroom and came in carrying an orange-hued envelope.

"It's from Cecilia," she said, and handed it to him. "She's been waiting for you since she saw you in the street."

Montague Stone longed to tear open the envelope, and watched Robert impatiently, for the invalid was slow in his movements, and obviously suffering from great weakness.

Robert Lidiard smiled triumphantly as he read the pencilled message.

"It's a wire of congratulation from Gascoigne Ferrier," he announced with much self-complacency. "Ah, former friends will soon fawn round me now; there is nothing so paying as success."

Montague Stone glanced at the other impatiently. Cecilia's whereabouts were still unknown.

"Of what stuff must Robert Lidiard be made?" he reflected, hardly able to realise such appalling and terrific egotism.

Telegram succeeded telegram in the hour that followed, and Robert Lidiard received every word of praise with scant gratitude towards the sender, with the feeling that he had only received his due.

It was getting close on to midday, and Montague was beginning to think he would be justified in leaving the little Chelsea house and resuming his search for Cecilia, when another thundering knock came to the door.

"How they come, these congratulations," smiled Robert Lidiard; "but they are all envying me, the good friends who send them; yes, they are envying me, every one of them."

He opened the envelope with languid fingers, taking on the pose of one already weary by praise; but an extraordinary expression of terror and dismay came over his thin face as he read the message bailing from Paris.

"I congratulate you on your picture,—Julian Darrell."

A brief and very ordinary message of congratulation, yet Robert Lidiard turned pale as he read it, he read the words, and crushed the telegram in his hot, nervous hands—crushed it into a limp ball. Montague Stone watched the man with curious eyes.

"What is it? What has happened?" he asked; but Robert Lidiard made no answer; only when Montague had left the room and he was left alone a despairing groan escaped from Robert Lidiard's lips.

"Hast thou found me fit, my enemy?" he muttered. Then another fit of shuddering seized him; he covered down amongst the sheets and whimpered like a frightened child.

CHAPTER V.

After many hours of dreary wandering Cecilia found herself gazing down into the water, but she had no apparent consciousness of how she had

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"OUR SATURDAY SHORT STORY."

With the object of giving our readers as large an instalment as possible of our new and very interesting serial, we are holding over our "Saturday Short Story" this week. We shall publish one as usual next Saturday.

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Jules Verne Foretold Many of the
Greatest Inventions of the Age.

The late M. Jules Verne, whose death we regret to record in another column this morning, will always be dear to the novel-reading public as a writer of exciting stories. But his name will also live for another reason. It will go down to posterity as that of a prophet who foreshadowed many of the great epoch-making inventions of the present day.

He foretold the conquest of the air by the airship in his novel, "Five Weeks in a Balloon." He foretold the motor-car in the "Steam Horse"; the submarine in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"; modern speed of travel in "Around the World in Eighty Days," and the enormous development of the trusts in "The Begun's £500,000,000."

But his ideas went even further than he told in his novels. In an interview which he granted not long ago he elaborated some of his ideas for the future. Considering how far those ideas have already been realised their fuller details are well worthy of consideration.

Within a year of the publication of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" the submarine boat was an accomplished fact.

The novelist has predicted a great future for it. By its aid the bed of the sea is to be almost as well known as the dry land. Nations will annex portions of the ocean bed just as they have in the past annexed islands. Wars will be fought over submarine gold mines and diamond-bearing dis-

"FOR TEN YEARS ONLY."

Leading Women's Views of Mr.
Meredith's Marriage Proposals.

A number of well-known women have just placed on record through the medium of the "New York World," their opinion of Mr. George Meredith's suggestion that marriage should be for a short term contract.

Only by one woman is the suggestion approved. Mr. Meredith mentioned ten years as a suitable term for marriages, but Miss Gertrude Atherton would, it seems, like to make it shorter still.

"I entirely agree with Mr. Meredith, as far as he goes," she writes; "perhaps it is as far as any one can go at present."

"Ouida," as might be expected, treats the matter with lofty disdain.

Miss Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler refuses to consider marriage as an open question, but expresses the opinion that had its author been less distinguished the idea of ten-year marriages "would have been brushed aside as merely absurd."

Mrs. Thomas Hardy's main point is that "Meredith's plan would work out to the disadvantage of children—much step-fathered as they would probably be." She later hazards the opinion that men should be legally compelled to make life more interesting for their wives, "men being usually inconsiderate, unsympathetic, selfish, illiberal, and tyrannical."

Mrs. Desmond Humphreys, better known as "Rita," thinks that the proposal, if carried out, would "place human nature upon a lower grade than that of animal selection."

Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes) is plainly against the suggestion, though she admits that

IN MY GARDEN.

Work for the Wise Gardener To Do
in the Spring Sunshine.

MARCH 24.—The bright spring weather of the past week has set everybody thinking about their gardens.

One of the secrets of successful gardening is not getting behindhand with work. This is a good time now, for instance, to plant hardy ferns. Many a desolate spot can be made beautiful with them.

Ferns succeed very well in town gardens, sending up their fresh green shoots year after year, though planted in the most unlikely places.

The hyacinthus has pendulous white flowers in summer, and a small clump in a very stately appearance. These bulbs should be got in at once, and will delight all who grow them for the first time.

The hop is, perhaps, the most easily-grown climber; for covering a bare porch or arch quickly it is extremely useful. Plant it now in good soil.

Lawns should be frequently rolled at this season of the year. A good sweeping will also do good. If this is done, mowing will be easy work later on.

Beils and borders should be gone over now and made tidy. Decayed twigs and leaves must be removed. Our gardens ought now to look bright and cheerful in the spring sunshine, though in God's Garden by the roadside the dead leaves still whisper of winter. E. F. T.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

Letters from Readers Who Had Experience of
Army Rations in South Africa.

I am glad to see that these South African "jokes" are at last coming to light.

During the war I was taken prisoner at Nooitgedacht. Whilst in the Boer laager I got into conversation with one of the Boers. He asked me what we did with all the jam we carried.

When I told him we ate it on our biscuits he said, "What a funny thing to feed soldiers on!" and seemed quite amused. TROOPER, K. H. K.

I never knew any grumbling amongst the troops at the quality of the provisions, tinned or otherwise, but I did at the quantity supplied.

I quite agree with "Anti-Fat" that men who defraud the troops in the field are not deserving of seats in the House of Commons.

I think seats in gaol would be more suitable, but it appeared to me that the food difficulty was not so much the fault of the contractors as it was of the persons who had the final distribution, and who generally had a surplus which they were willing to sell. SCOUT.

FAIR PLAY FOR CATS.

I cannot agree with "Dog Lover's" remark that "there are tolerable cats, but they are very rare." On the contrary, I fancy pussy is far more a favourite than "Dog Lover" imagines.

The marvellous watchful patience of a cat in tracking down a mouse or rat should surely enlist our respect. Does any dog possess such sublime patience?

Then, again, what a delight poor, long-suffering pussy is to our infantile Britons—the coming generation! Cats and babies are notorious friends. Brinton's-road, Southampton. SEKHET PASHT.

"FLIRTATION OR FRIENDSHIP."

Does your correspondent, Warren Colby, think that women are any more serious in their flirtations than men? And why should women be censured for flirting any more than the opposite sex?

If, as he says, men do not marry the women they flirt with, neither do women marry the men they flirt with. They simply regard them as objects to pass an idle hour. Let him rest assured on that point.

Most girls flirt for the fun of the thing, and not as men, in their insane conceit, seem to think, to ensnare husbands. WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA. INTERESTED.

TO-DAY'S BOOKS.

DICK'S LONDON STREET-GUIDE, 1d. One of the most useful of books. The name of every street is given, with the nearest main thoroughfare and the nearest railway station.

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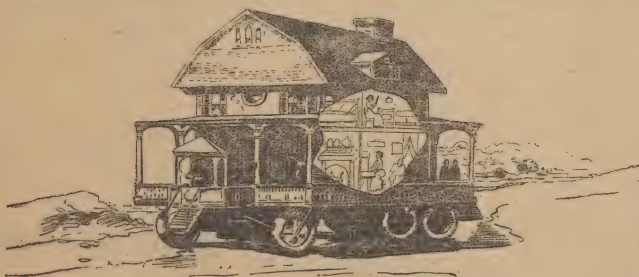
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ALCOHOLIC POISONING AND DEGENERATION. By Professor G. Bunge, M.D. Owen, 6d. The author's name is an unfortunate one, but his work is excellent, and shows clearly and statistically the hereditary consequences of drink upon the suckling of children.

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THE HIGHER LOVE. By George Barlow. The Simple Life Press, 1s. A plea for a nobler conception of human love and passion.



Jules Verne's idea of a motor-house, capable of travelling about the country.

tricts. The rich man's yacht will be a luxurious boat like the famous "Nautilus," able to dive or float, and sportsmen will forsake big game shooting for the more dangerous sport of shark-hunting. The markets of the world will be filled with hitherto unknown foods and commodities from the ocean floor.

The automobile is to do much, but not so much as many other writers of recent years have suggested. It is not to supersede the railway train. The large trunk communications will continue to be by railway, but the railway will be a changed thing. Speeds of from 200 to 300 miles an hour will be customary upon the great cigar-shaped trains.

The lines for these trains will not dodge round curves or wind round zigzag paths. The way will be cut straight from point to point, and it is by that means that the great speeds will be possible. As a pioneer of railway travel alone Jules Verne might have made a name by his prophecy of the Trans-Siberian line. Everyone laughed at his idea, but the line exists to-day, and has made the Russo-Japanese war possible.

TO AMERICA BY RAIL.

The novelist's proposed railway lines link up the whole world, and include no less a project than a Transatlantic tunnel from Brest to New York.

Airships and motor-cars will be used to link up outlying places with the main lines, but will not compete with the railway. The airship will be of little use until a new motor is discovered. A dynamite motor is his suggested improvement.

It is in the motor-house that Jules Verne saw the greatest future for the motor. The house-boat we know already. The motor-house is a natural development.

The great roads north and south are to be thronged in spring and autumn with houses and families seeking any chosen climate. He will go north in summer, south in winter. The villa resident is no longer to be bound to a fixed landscape. He will move his house about as he thinks fit.

One other little matter in which Jules Verne prophesies is likely to be soon fulfilled. He thinks that our consumption of coal is unnecessary. There is water-power almost everywhere only waiting to be used. Niagara has been harnessed already. At Geneva electricity is the cheapest means of heat, light, and motive power, for the great turbines in the Rhone are constantly working.

How long will it be before his idea of an Atlantic tunnel is accomplished?

"the gift of loving is indispensable" to a happy marriage, "and that the gift is a very rare one."

Two well-known American authoresses are very severe upon Mr. Meredith. One says the idea is "as absurd as it is impracticable," while the other thinks "that Mr. Meredith is in his dotage."

The Countess of Warwick's view of the situation is that "people who choose can generally make the best of married life, but the largest part of humanity likes to have a grievance."

A LITTLE SERMON.

How think ye? If a man, have an hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety-nine and goeth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray?

The following pathetic "coon" version of the Gospel parable of the lost sheep was recited by Mrs. Charles M. Alexander in the Albert Hall one day during this week.

It is the version which the negroes sing in America. Mrs. Alexander is not American herself (she is a daughter of Mr. Cadbury, the chocolate and cocoa maker), but she spoke the verses with very touching and dramatic effect—

Por lil brack sheep, done strayed away,
Done lost in de win and de rain;
And de Shepherd, He say, "O hircin,
Go, find my sheep again."
But the hircin frown—"O Shepherd,
Dat sheep am brack an bad."

But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil brack sheep
Wuz the onliest lamb he had.
An He say, "O hircin, hasten,
For de win and de rain am cool;
And dat lil brack sheep am losem,
Out dar so far from de fol."

De hircin frown, "O Shepherd,
Dat sheep am ol and grey."
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil brack sheep
Wuz fair as de brack ol day!
An He say, "O hircin, hasten,
Lo, here am de ninety-nine,
But dar, way off from de sheep-fol,
Is dat lil brack sheep of Mine."

And de hircin frown, O Shepherd,
De res ob de sheep am grey."
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil brack sheep
He hol it de moostest dear!
An de Shepherd go out in de darkness,
Where de night wuz col and bleak;
An dat lil brack sheep, He find it,
An Jay it agins His cheek,
And de hircin frown, "O Shepherd,
Don't bring dat sheep to me!"
But de Shepherd, He smile, and He hol it close,
An . . . dat lil brack sheep . . . wuz . . . me!

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I award the Five Shillings to:—

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So many other excellent drawings have been forwarded that it is impossible to mention all the senders by name. The second best comes from Edward Davidson.

I should like also to thank Reginald Nicholson, Jennie Hinchings, Horace Ains, and William Stewart for their little letters, the last of whom makes a very true remark:—"I think that the *Daily Mirror* is the cheapest halfpenny paper on the market," and adds, "My father has it every morning, and when he has done with it gives it to me." Many thanks, too, to J. Rossall and Douglas McIntosh for two very good drawings of animals sent to me.

"MY DIARY," BY DICK.

When I am a man I mean to go out to India, like Captain Denton, and shoot lions, and tigers and things. Captain Denton lives about a mile from us, and when Mrs. Denton asks us to tea he shows us all his skins and stuffed animals. It is a glorious place to go to because, besides all the curiosities, we always have such good things to eat. We went last Saturday.

They haven't got any little boys and girls of their own, but it seems to me that these are just the people who know most about us, and seem to understand just what we like.

Mabel Jane and I were both rather cross going home, and nurse said, "Been overeating yourselves, as usual, I expect. I've a good mind to give you each a dose to-night." But we begged her not to do that. "Well," she said, "if you're ill to-morrow I shall have to ask your mamma not to let you go to Mrs. Denton's again."

Lion's Pink Cake.

I did not go to sleep for some time after I got into bed, but lay awake thinking first of the lion whose skin lay in the hall at The Warren, and then about the pink cake, of which I had eaten three large slices. It was even better inside than out, as it had a thick layer of almond icing. Still, I rather wished I had refused the third slice. I almost had to leave the last little bit of the icing. Soon after, I did at last fall asleep. I woke up again feeling very hot. And when I looked round me a most extraordinary thing had happened. I wasn't in the dark night nursery, but out of doors, with the sun shining, and all sorts of funny palm-trees around me.

"Why," I exclaimed, "this must be a jungle at last. I wonder whether I shall meet a lion." And I wasn't quite sure whether I wanted to or not. Then I found I had my toy pistol with me, for which I was thankful.

"I shouldn't try to shoot it if I were you, dear Dick," said Pip. I forgot to say that, oddly enough, Pip was there, too. "You see, you might miss it, I think it would be better to make friends."

"That depends on the lion, Pip," I said. "You see there are lions and lions." Just then we heard a rustling in the trees, and we knew it was coming. The lion burst into a laugh, which startled me, for it was so exactly like Captain Denton's. "Oh," it said, "I suppose you have come to tea. I think it is quite ready. Just follow me."

We soon came to an open space, and there we saw a strange sight. In the middle of it was an enormous cake, the image of the one at the Denton's, only as big as a haystack. Pip and I gave

a shout of astonishment and delight. There was a little table set with the tea-things, and the lion invited us to sit down while he cut the cake with his huge knife. He ate a slice himself with his big mouth, and gave Pip and me each a large piece. When we had had three pieces and he asked us to take some more, Pip said: "No, thank you." But I said I would have a small slice. I thought I should never have a chance of eating so much cake in my life again.

After that I'd had enough, but when I said so the lion took no notice, but piled my plate up again, and I felt I had to eat it, as he might be offended. As soon as I had finished there was another piece. And this went on until I felt as though I could not swallow another mouthful to save my life.

At last I said: "Please, Mr. Lion, I can't eat any more."

"But you must," said the lion quite severely. "You've got to finish the cake. It is the law of the jungle as the punishment for greediness. If you don't I shall have to eat you both."

With what the lion had eaten, about half the cake had disappeared, but there was still the other half. I thought it would help me if I got up and walked round the table once, so I asked if I might do this.

I was sure that very soon I should not be able to walk at all. Then I sat down and began on another slice. If it had not been for Pip I know I should have said to the lion: "Please, I think I would rather you ate me," but her life depended on my finishing the cake, and eat it I must.

"Dick," said Pip in a faint voice, "I believe you'll burst." "I think I shall, too," I whispered. "Couldn't we beg the lion to let us off?" she said. "I'm sure you can't finish the big piece there is left."

"I'm afraid it's no use," I said. "I expect he has to obey the law of the jungle. And if I do burst, Pip, he will probably let you go, and you must run home and tell them what happened."

Pip promised to do this, looking at me all the time very anxiously, as though expecting me to burst every moment. I put in another piece of the horrid, sickly icing that I hated so now, and then there was a terrible roar, and I felt myself being blown to bits, and could see Pip and the lion looking on with astonished faces.

"There now, Master Dick, you're dreaming." Nurse was shaking me harshly, and I wish I given you that dose last night. You'll have it another time, whether you want it or not."



This is the illustration of Dick and Pip in the forest of palm-trees. A prize of 5s. is offered to the child who fills in the picture best with ink or pencil and sends it to the "Daily Mirror" office, 1-1, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C., by Wednesday morning next.

SOULS ADRIFT.

(Continued from page 10.)

made her way back to the Chelsea Embankment. She had wandered on aimlessly, distractedly; wandered on for miles, till at last some curious instinct had directed her steps back to her own neighbourhood, the Chelsea she knew so well.

Everything was blurred and confused. She seemed to have been in a dream—a dream from which she was now slowly awaking.

Yet she remembered perfectly all that had happened before she fled; remembered that she had left a dead man; recollected the excited artists tearing up the stairs; recalled the supper-table laden with roses; and how Robert had cursed her as he died.

"Murderer! Murderer!" Would the words ring through her ears for ever, she wondered. Certainly it was her duty to have saved him from himself, and she would have done so if she had possessed more presence of mind.

The girl's whole body ached with fatigue. She felt sick and faint. She thought the passers-by scanned her curiously. The dawn was at hand.

It had been easy enough to hide at night. London and its shadows had screened her; but now that the vivid sunshine was pouring down a great lunging to crawl into some dark corner came over her; she was terrified by the staring men and women who passed and repassed. She wanted to conceal herself; but where was she to go, where find refuge, at whose doors could she knock?

She moved away from the Embankment, conscious that she was attracting attention. She had elected to live when the choice of life and death was hers, and she must abide by her decision.

She hated herself now for having abandoned the dead man, and the longing came upon her to return. She felt she must see Robert again. He had forgotten the sinister expression on his face, his evil egotism. All she could remember was how deeply she had once loved him.

Cecilia turned her steps towards the Chelsea house, feeling that it promised to be her best refuge. Now that she had decided to go home she walked with quicker step, and there was more life in her pale face, more light in her blue eyes; but as the girl turned the corner of the street in which the studio she stepped back with a little cry of terror; all the blood froze in her veins,

and she felt the same paroxysm of fear which had seized her the night before, acute physical fear.

A newboy was running down a great lunging, brandishing a sheaf of papers, and the flaring announcement on the poster caught Cecilia's eye.

"Poisoning of Artist in Chelsea. Disappearance of Wife."

Cecilia turned sick and giddy for the moment. She never doubted for one second that her husband's death would be attributed to her. He had died calling her a murderess, and the world would call her a murderess, too. She failed to realise in her terror how impossible it would be to establish a charge of murder; blind, unreasoning fear seized upon her—fear that makes fools of the wisest.

Flight appeared to be her only refuge—flight—flight. Here, in Chelsea, she was known, and might easily be recognised; so let her away from Chelsea, and with what speed she could. With the low sob of a hunted creature Cecilia turned on her heel and walked swiftly away. She had sufficient self-restraint not to run, but fleetly as she walked she could not get away from the cry of the newboy, the shrill screaming cry, "Poisoning of Artist in Chelsea. Disappearance of Wife."

(To be continued.)

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FURTHER SCRATCHINGS IN BIG HANDICAPS.

St. Emilion Out of the 'Lincoln'—
Shaun Aboo and Dathi from
the Grand National.

HAYDOCK AND LINGFIELD.

St. Emilion has been scratched for the Lincoln Handicap. The withdrawal of this horse, ostensibly because of failure in a trial with Le Bilion, has not aroused very much attention.

In the latest betting on the Lincoln Vedes figures are favourite. As a matter of fact, the market is wholly unreliable and deserving of little respect. Rosebery is quoted as a sound second favourite!

Dathi and Shaun Aboo have been struck out of the Grand National Steeplechase, and the field is likely to be still further cut down within the next twenty-four hours. Moifaa continues to do good work, and about the royal candidate short rates are now accepted.

Lingfield and Haydock Park meetings, which conclude to-day, practically wind up the season under National Hunt Rules. Yesterday's sport at the places named afforded entertainment of average class, but of nothing more than mere passing interest. At Haydock, in the March Steeplechase, there were only three runners, and the singular result was seen of Cold Harbour, in a handicap race, winning the race from St. Beart and Dollar III, which pair dealt-headed.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

LINGFIELD PARK.

- 2.0.—Rowfant Hurdle—ZAMPERI.
- 2.30.—Physick's Hurdle—ARLINGTON.
- 3.0.—Gentlemen Riders' Steeple—RED POTAGE.
- 3.30.—Gentlemen Riders' Steeple—LAMOS.
- 4.0.—Oxsted Steeplechase—ANDON LAD.
- 4.30.—Grinstead Steeplechase—ADANSI.

HAYDOCK PARK.

- 2.0.—Aston Steeplechase—DREUMER.
- 2.30.—Farm Hurdle—ARDAN.
- 3.0.—Newton Steeplechase—SEISON PRINCE.
- 3.30.—Saturday Steeplechase—FAST CASTLE.
- 4.0.—Glazebrook Hurdle—HEDDIE.
- 4.30.—Club Steeplechase—THEODOCION.

SPECIAL SELECTION.

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PLACED HORSES AND PRICES.

LINGFIELD PARK.

- 2.0.—MARCH HARE HURDLE RACE. Two miles. 4 ran.

Forest Flower, 5yrs, 10st 10lb	2 to 5
Pursley, 4yrs, 10st	2 to 5
Lawn Tennis, 4yrs, 10st	2 to 5

 (Winner trained by Smith.)

- 2.30.—GOODSTONE SELLING HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Miss Blucher, 4yrs, 10st	5 to 1
Brougham, 6yrs, 11st	5 to 1
A.N.B., aged, 11st 7lb	100 to 8

 (Winner trained by Nightingale.)

- 3.0.—LONDON AND BRIGHTON HURDLE STEEPCHASE. CHASE. Three miles. 7 ran.

Punchard, 4yrs, 10st 7lb	7 to 2
Sandy Bird, aged, 10st 5lb	7 to 2

 (Winner trained by Woodland.)

- 3.30.—MARCH HURDLE RACE. Two miles. 7 ran.

Viviane, 4yrs, 10st 7lb	10 to 1
Little Garrison, 5yrs, 10st 7lb	10 to 1
Corunna, 6yrs, 11st 11lb	10 to 1

 (Winner trained by Horan.)

- 4.0.—BLETHINGLEY SELLING STEEPCHASE. Two miles. 11 ran.

Redway, 4yrs, 10st	100 to 8
Marozzo, 4yrs, 10st 7lb	100 to 8
Sweet Dixie, aged, 11st 7lb	100 to 8

 (Winner trained by Davies.)

- 4.30.—WELCOME STEEPCHASE. Two miles. 6 ran.

Flor de Cuba, 5yrs, 11st 10lb	3 to 1
Avocation, 5yrs, 11st 10lb	3 to 1
Sanctimonius, 4yrs, 10st 10lb	3 to 1

 (Winner trained by Captain Dewhurst.)

HAYDOCK PARK.

- 2.0.—COUNTY MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. Two miles. 4 ran.

Cockatrice, 3yrs, 11st	11 to 10
Lovetin, aged, 12st	5 to 1
Marozzo, 4yrs, 10st 7lb	5 to 1

 (Winner trained by Rooney.)

- 2.30.—FRIDAY SELLING HURDLE RACE. Two miles. 5 ran.

Pomfrey, aged, 11st 7lb	4 to 1
Magenta, 4yrs, 10st 10lb	4 to 1
Marmalade, 6yrs, 11st	4 to 1

 (Winner trained by Rooney.)

- 3.0.—GOLBORNE HURDLE RACE. Two miles. 6 ran.

St. John's Wood, 5yrs, 11st 9lb	3 to 1
Kari, aged, 11st 10lb	3 to 1
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 (Winner trained by Mariner.)

- 3.30.—MARCH STEEPCHASE. Two miles. 10 ran.

Dollar III, aged, 11st 10lb	4 to 1
St. Benet, 4yrs, 10st 9lb	4 to 5
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 (Winner trained by Oward.)

- 4.0.—SELLING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE. Two miles. 6 ran.

Little Brown, 4yrs, 10st	8 to 1
Doyle, 4yrs, 10st	8 to 1
Spring-Lock, aged, 12st 5lb	8 to 1

 (Winner trained by R. Gordon.)

- 4.30.—LYME PARK STEEPCHASE. Three miles. THEODOCION, aged, 12st 10lb.

Lyons	12 to 1
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 (Winner trained by Gills.)

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

LINGFIELD PARK.

- 2.0.—ROWFANT HURDLE PLATE OF 70 SOVS. Two miles.

Garland Day	5 to 1	Portman	5 to 1
Carrington	11 to 12	The Mazarid	4 to 1
Arday	6 to 11	Golden Lane	4 to 1

- 2.30.—WHYTELEAF SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE PLATE OF 80 SOVS. Two miles.

A.N.B.	5 to 1	Love Game	5 to 1
Childart	12 to 1	Barys	5 to 1
Sea Breeze	12 to 1	Mis Blythe	5 to 1

- 3.0.—GENTLEMEN RIDERS' STEEPCHASE OF 70 SOVS. Three miles.

Label	12 to 13	St. Mellons	5 to 1
Patcham	12 to 13	Weston Wood	5 to 1
Red Potage	12 to 13	Stokes Royal	5 to 1

- 3.30.—FELCOURT HURDLE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Two miles.

Pits and Starts	5 to 1	Mis Cronkhill	5 to 1
Arday	12 to 1	Shellmaria	5 to 1
Hurst	12 to 1	St. Michael	5 to 1

- 4.0.—OXSTED SELLING HANDICAP STEEPCHASE OF 80 SOVS. Two miles.

Ady Shamrock	12 to 1	Partridge	11 to 12
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GREAT BATTLE FOR THE FOOTBALL CUP.

Everton, Newcastle, Aston Villa
and Sheffield Fight Out the
Semi-final Round.

PROSPECTS OF THE TEAMS.

To-day the Football Association Cup competition reaches the semi-final round, and perhaps never in recent years have four better teams steered clear of one another into this important stage of the annual struggle for the Blue Ribband of English football. The matches are as follows:—

Manchester: Newcastle U. v. Sheffield W.
Stoke: Aston Villa v. Everton.

Many people in the North of England have written this year's competition down as a good thing for Everton. I don't know quite how they work it out, for Aston Villa and Newcastle United they have struck me as being great sides. Newcastle, indeed, play perfect football, and the Villa are bustling and energetic in every department, from goalkeeper to centre-forward. They are just the kind of combination to win the Cup.

Sheffield Wednesday, as I saw them a week or so ago at Plumstead, did not strike me as being a very great side, but their play was recovered, and they were better below par at Plumstead.

Newcastle United are my fancy for the Cup, and have been since I saw their wonderful football at Tottenham and Newcastle, and so confident are their supporters of victory over Sheffield Wednesday that they are making arrangements to be made by the supporters of the Novocastrians to visit the Crystal Palace and cheer on their favourites in the final.

It is as well to point out to these enthusiasts that "there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip." Carr trained the muscles of his thigh in the match at Bury last Saturday, which was won by the United with the greatest ease, but the latest report from the training quarters is to the effect that he has quite recovered, and is drawn in from the race, but Veitch is so good that the line will not suffer much. The Newcastle team will be as follows:—

United: Lawrence; McCombie and Carr; Gardner, Aitken, and McWilliam; Rutherford, Howie, Appleyard, Veitch, and Gonnell.

McClarence and McCracken will accompany the side to Manchester as reserves.

Sheffield Wednesday will miss Chapman, their inside right, who is at the Villa, and he is expected to be kept out of the match. The team have been training at Buxton, and are in splendid fettle. That the defence, however, will be able to withstand the attack of the clever Newcastle forwards I do not for one moment believe, and I am sure that "Sandy" Tait, the "Spurs" skipper, will uphold his reputation as a defender. The defence, however, will be able to withstand the attack of the clever Newcastle forwards I do not for one moment believe, and I am sure that "Sandy" Tait, the "Spurs" skipper, will uphold his reputation as a defender. The defence, however, will be able to withstand the attack of the clever Newcastle forwards I do not for one moment believe, and I am sure that "Sandy" Tait, the "Spurs" skipper, will uphold his reputation as a defender.

The Wednesday team will be as follows:—

Sheffield Wednesday: Lyall; Slavin or Layton and Burton; Ruddell, Crawshaw, and Bartlett; Davis, Hemmings, Wilson, Clewley, and Simpson.

What of the other tie? Everton, like Newcastle, are a team of style, and they are no less so than Newcastle. I remember when I saw the Birmingham club beat Fulham that the fact that the forwards have thrown aside the "snaky" short passing game which made them famous, and now play in together a faster and more old-fashioned style. Plenty of bustling work on the wings, with full backs driven continually single file, and the forwards in the inside men for possession, were the features of the play on that occasion.

It must not be imagined, however, that the work of the forward line lacks accuracy. There were times during the match when it paid to play the close game, and the Everton forwards were foot to foot with the Newcastle defence. Ross and Thorpe were run off their legs by the bewildering brilliance of the Villa attack, and then all was plain sailing. Can they do it to-day?

Hampton, the centre forward, Bache and Garraty, his left and right colleagues, owe much to the veteran Leake, England's best centre half-back. With them always in attack, he has had a wonderful influence on the two younger men, Bache and Hampton, and particularly the last-named. When I saw Hampton make his debut for the Villa at Leyton, he was a raw and untrained player, but I predicted a future for him. The chance of their success rapidly came, and I thought, and Hampton will one day play for England.

Pearson and Windmill, the other halves, are also above the average, and Howard Spencer, at back, although nearing the sore and yellow leaf of a football player's career, still England's best defender. The Villa, however, are all in the best of condition. They will line up as follows:—

Aston Villa: George; Spencer and Miles; Pearson, Leake, and Windmill; Brawn, Garraty, Hampton, Bache, and Hall.

Everton are just now at the top of their form, and the stay-at-home critics, who do not see much football, have taken their play at Sunderland last Saturday, as an augury of their success to-day. It was indeed a wonderful performance, seeing that they were two goals down at half-time, but it must be remembered that the Sunderland team have been in indifferent form lately.

Everton have the best goalkeeper in the four countries of Great Britain, Mr. doctor L. R. Rose. We have seen Crilly, as a pair of backs, are only equalled by McCrombie and Carr, and in these two lines I think Everton are superior to the Villa. That is not a Locke, however, in the half-back line, though Makepeace, Taylor, and Abbott are three sterling players.

Young, the youthful centre forward, has made a name for himself this season, and H. P. Hardman, the amateur outside left, is playing for England against Wales on Monday evening. The other players, except Sharp, the Lancashire cricketer and Everton outside right, should be playing on the other wing for England in to-day's international hockey match against Ireland at Surbiton, owing to indisposition.

very warm team. Everton trained at home, and the full side is as follows:—

Everton: L. R. Rose; W. Balmer and Crilly; Makepeace, Taylor, and Abbott; Sharp, McDermott, Young, Settle, and H. P. Hardman.

On the whole I am inclined to think that the Villa forwards will win the day for their side, but the match is bound to be a strenuous one, and the side which wins will at least one great side must reach the final tie.

The Football League matches were dealt with by "The Mirror" yesterday, and space will not allow me to return to them. The great match in the Southern League is the meeting of Portsmouth and Southampton, and on recent form Portsmouth should win. There are four games in London—Brentford, Millwall, Queen's Park Rangers, and Tottenham Hotspur entertain Wellingborough, Swindon, and Oxford, and all are expected to return to the home team. Bristol Rovers, the prospective champions of the Southern League, at Bristol, but Reading will probably have their championship aspirations shattered at Plymouth.

It is interesting to note that Herbert Smith and Vivian Woodward, in view of the international on Monday, have been informally asked not to play to-day. Woodward will not turn out for the Spurs, but Smith is likely to go to Plymouth.

In London the only Rugby match of any moment is Blackheath and Newport. Back in October Blackheath gained a creditable victory at Newport. They were then a decent side; to-day they will be beaten.

On their own ground Cardiff may give Swansea a good shaking, but can hardly hope to win. Cardiff have twice lost this season at Swansea; the fixture at Cardiff in November was abandoned owing to frost.

On Wednesday Devon and Cornwall settled the supremacy of the South-West; to-day, on the Durham City ground, Durham and Lancashire will endeavour to arrive at a similar result as far as the North is concerned.

In the early part of the season Durham lost their first match with the "Canaries," and the latter were also beaten in their first engagement with Cheshire.

Yet they tied for first place in the Northern group. Their previous meeting at Durham, however, was a draw, and Lancashire scored a try and Durham obtained a penalty goal.

CITIZEN.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

- (Run Times, March 25. One mile.)

100 to 15	Ady Shamrock, 5yrs, 6st 8lb (0.) W. Robinson
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NORTHERN UNION FOOTBALL

Notes on the Cup-Ties-To-day's League Matches.

THE WIGAN-LEIGH TROUBLE.

For Northern Unionists the past week has been an exciting period, each of which will be heard later. To begin with, the decision of the Cup Committee on the eve of the second round of ties, calling upon Wigan and Leigh to replay their tie in the first round, with all the resultant dislocation of fixtures, and general annoyance, has caused much discussion.

Never before, perhaps, have the anomalous, irritating, and absurd working clauses been so wholeheartedly condemned, and it is easy to see that the storm of protest raised must inevitably have the effect of causing the obnoxious rules to be abrogated in their entirety.

Could anything be more ridiculous, forsooth, than their application in the present case, where, because Silcock, a Leigh forward, failed to go down the coultit where he is engaged, at a certain time, his club is robbed of the fruits of a hard-earned victory over Wigan, and all kinds of inconvenience brought about to half a dozen clubs?

No one blames the committee whose unpalatable duty it was to administer the rules, but everyone, excepting perhaps Wigan, who profit immensely by the decision, heartily condemns those rules. Leigh not only lose by non-participation in the second round, but actually have no share in last Wednesday's replay at Wigan, where there was a 15-hour gate, the proceeds being divided between Wigan and the Union.

For the sake of poetic justice one could have wished for their success, but a bad blunder in the second half enabled Trezise to score the only try of the match and thus pave the way for Wigan to meet Halifax to-day. Is it surprising that Leigh Northern Unionists are in a state bordering on frenzy? It is certain that Wigan, the instigators of the trouble, never look to their neighbours for assistance in the future.

Another sensation has been provided by the suspension for the rest of the season of the Hull club's ground, whereon disgraceful scenes were enacted on the occasion of the Cup-tie with Hunslet last Saturday. This action on the part of the executive is somewhat drastic, but spectators and players alike must have it brought home to them that football enclosures may not be transformed into beer gardens. Hull, it is understood, will play their remaining "home" matches at Beverley, eight miles away.

It is curious that in the third round of the Cup competition Hunslet should have to visit Hull again, this time to meet Kingston Rovers; and one can only hope that adequate precautions will be taken to prevent a repetition of last Saturday's rowdism.

Owing to the Wigan-Halifax Cup-tie, to-day's League fixtures are cut down to seven, Bradford and St. Helens being left without engagement. The most interesting match of the series is that between Leeds and Oldham at Headingley, where Oldham may experience difficulty in retaining the three points lead they at present enjoy over Bradford and Broughton Rangers. The latter are due at Runcorn, and, although Frank Ransome, who did not participate in the victory over Widnes on Wednesday, will be an absentee, one hardly feels that Runcorn can stay the Rangers' progress. Harry, by the way, is not likely to turn out again this season, probably not caring to risk anything in view of his cricket engagement with the Lancashire County club.

Among the rearranged fixtures to be played during the forthcoming week are the following—Bradley v. Warrington, March 28; Runcorn v. Leeds, March 29.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

F.A. CUP—Semi-finals.
Stoke v. Aston Villa.
Manchester: Sheffield Wednesday v. Newcastle United.

THE LEAGUE—Division I.
Preston N. E. v. Burnley.
Middlebrough v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Division II.
Bolton W. v. Leicester F. C.
Blackpool v. Manchester U.
Barnsley v. Lincoln City.
Burton United v. Liverpool.
Doncaster R. v. Bristol G.

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